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WARDEN'S BANQUET WAS HAPPY FUNCTION

Retiring Warden E. B. Osborne Presented With Gold Watch By Members of County Council In Appreciation of His Splendid Services.

Members of the Lincoln County Council and Officials, parliamentary representatives and former wardens and councillors, gathered around the festive board in the Welland Hotel on Thursday last, guests at the annual warden's banquet which was largely attended.

Featuring the evening was the presentation to Warden E. B. Osborne, reeve of Beamsville, of a beautiful gold watch and chain and a handsome handbag for Mrs. Osborne. Reeve Lawson of North Grimsby, in making the presentation to the warden on behalf of the members of the county council, referred to the splendid effectiveness with which he had filled the position while Deputy Reeve Peter Graham of the township, in adding his tribute said "May this time piece be an efficient, accurate and faithful in carrying out its functions as you have been in your duties as warden of Lincoln County". Mr. Graham made the presentation of the hand bag for Mrs. Osborne.

Following the sumptuous banquet, Warden Osborne extended a welcome to his guests and then called upon County Clerk and Treasurer Camby Wismer who acted as toastmaster.

After honoring a toast to the King, the toast to "The Dominion of Canada" was ably proposed by J. R. Stork and responded to by N. J. M. Lockhart, M.P.-elect, and A. E. Coombs. The toast to "The Province of Ontario," was proposed by H. G. Mogg and responded to by F. H. Avery, M. L. A. "Lincoln County" was the toast proposed by J. E. Masters and responded to by Camby Wismer, F. E. Weir, roads superintendent, and E. F. Neff, agricultural representative. "To the Warden," was the toast proposed by W. H. Harrison, responded to by J. E. Lawson and Peter Graham. The toast to "Ex-Wardens" was proposed by John Lampman and responded to by Arthur Swayze.

In his reply to the toast to the Warden, Mr. Osborne spoke on the need for additional moneys spent on agriculture in Lincoln. He also paid sterling tribute to his colleagues in the county council and to the officials. Entertainment was provided by Mickey McKee and Jack Canales. Included among the numerous guests was noted E. P. Dwyer, the oldest living ex-warden in the county.

FOUR CONTEST MAYORALTY IN ST. CATHARINES

There will be a contest for the mayoralty here between Alderman Walter J. Westwood, George Treble, former Alderman, Fred A. Beattie, former Alderman, and Alderman Frank G. Coy, the four being nominated Monday morning.

Other nominations were: Board of education, five to be elected—Dr. Hilda Warden, May H. Cameron, Alford R. Lindsay, Miss Estelle Le Cuffe, A. H. Trapnell, James A. Rowden, Walter F. Holmes, William Nicholson, W. H. Cunningham and Mrs. Dorothy E. McGuire.

Water commission, two to be elected—Frank H. Greenlaw, John C. Notman, both elected by acclamation.

Public utilities, two to be elected—Henry E. Clark, Charles E. Kiddier, Howard H. Swayze and S. H. Fleming.

TOURISTS MAY BRING BACK \$100 WORTH OF GOODS FROM UNITED STATES

It is believed in St. Catharines that the new rule commencing with the New Year, which will allow tourists to bring back to Canada \$100 worth of goods duty free, will not make a great deal of difference on the border. Most people from St. Catharines stay in the United States only a day and consequently the allowance would not apply.

It is believed there will be some check-up at the border to make sure people have been away more than a day. At any rate, the merchants of St. Catharines do not appear to be troubling their heads about it.

Township Nominations Monday Afternoon In Council Chambers

The township nomination meeting will be held on Monday afternoon next, December 30th, beginning at one o'clock, in the council chambers, Grimsby, for the nomination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and three Councillors.

The present council which will give an account of its stewardship at the nomination meeting, is composed of Reeve Lawson, Deputy Reeve Graham and Councillors W. E. Smith, Charles Durham and Thos. Mackie.

If more candidates are nominated and qualify for the various offices than are required, the election will be held on Monday, January 6th.

NO ACTION ON BOXING DAY

Dominion Gov't. Did Not Declare It Statutory Holiday — In Effect In Western Provinces.

Suggestions were this year received by the Grimsby Business Men's Association that the day following Christmas now known as Boxing Day, be observed as a holiday here but as sentiment among the merchants was not unanimous on the question no action was taken.

The Dominion government has definitely decided it will take no action this year at least to declare Boxing day, December 26, a statutory holiday. Hon. Fernand Rinfret, secretary of state, has announced.

In accordance with a long standing practice, though, federal civil servants will be given a half-holiday on December 24 and December 31. Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia governments have declared Boxing day a statutory holiday in those provinces.

Western provinces of the Dominion will observe Boxing day this year, while Ontario centres will partially observe the holiday. Quebec and the Maritimes, however, will ignore the old Roman custom.

Although in Canada, the general purpose of Boxing day is an extra holiday at the Yuletide, its name was once significant in Rome. Priests used to hang boxes in churches for people to drop offerings for the poor and (Continued on page 4)

75% Increase In Relief Grants To Provinces Ontario Gets \$1,000,000

Canadian municipalities were today examining a substantial Christmas present from the Dominion government in the form of a 75 per cent. increase in relief grants to the provinces, earmarked for their benefit. Ontario, which received \$600,000 monthly, will now get \$1,050,000 instead.

Carrying out his promise given at the close of last year's Dominion provincial conference, Prime Minister Mackenzie King has announced that the provinces would receive an additional \$1,313,437 monthly until the end of March, to enable them to give such financial assistance as the municipalities may need to meet relief costs.

Agreement by the provinces to submit relief expenditures to the review of the proposed Dominion commission on unemployment and relief, encouraged the government to make these drastic increases in expenditures from the federal treasury. The Dominion government was convinced, the prime minister said, that many of the municipalities had reached the limit of their ability to meet relief costs.

One of the first duties of the National commission of unemployment and relief, which will be created early in January, will be to undertake a searching investigation of relief administration in an effort to find and eliminate any laxity or abuses arising either from negligence on the part of those who administer relief, or misrepresentation on the part of its recipients.

It was anticipated, the prime minister said, that the new body would report (Continued on page 4)

RAILWAY ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED

Part Of Plank Crossing, Depot Street, Torn Up — Part Of Freight Car Too Low.

Early Thursday morning an accident was believed to be narrowly averted when a part on a car of a westbound Canadian National freight train was apparently hanging lower than usual and tore up a considerable part of the plank crossing on Depot street. Fortunately the train was brought to a quick stop without derailling any cars.

While in the act of repairing the crossing a westbound train stopped and a member of the crew reported a dark object lying beside the track about a mile east of the town. On investigating it was found to be a mail bag which had apparently fallen from a mail train although how it could have fallen out of a moving car is unknown. The bag which was addressed to Windsor and which contained Christmas parcels, had been run over at one end and its contents damaged, it is reported.

Marked Increase In Christmas Mail At Grimsby Post Office

The Grimsby Post Office was an unusually busy place prior to Christmas. There was a marked increase in the amount of Christmas mail going through the local post office as compared with previous years necessitating the addition of three persons to the regular staff. Monday, the 23rd inst., was an especially busy day, the volume of letters and cards being particularly heavy.

The large amount of incoming and outgoing mail this year indicates improved conditions and a more optimistic spirit.

FIREMEN COMPLIMENTED ON THEIR EFFICIENCY

Entertain Members of Town and Township Councils And Officials At Enjoyable Function — Fire Dept., Under Chief Demille, At High Point of Efficiency And Utmost Harmony Prevails — Co-operation of Councils Appreciated — A New Fire Pumper Added During Year.

A happy function and one which was much enjoyed by those present was the annual smoker and card party of the Grimsby Fire Department held in its club room on Friday evening.

Those in attendance participated in progressive euchre for an hour or two, the prize winners being Ex-Reeve F. A. Oakes of North Grimsby and William Hill.

The firemen then served an excellent lunch after which some of those present paid tribute to Grimsby's Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Oakes acceptably acting as chairman.

Chief Demille, in reviewing the year's activities, intimated that there



CHIEF A. DEMILLE Head of Grimsby Fire Dept.

ing last at which members of the town and township councils and officials were guests of the firemen. The sentiments expressed indicated that the utmost harmony prevailed among the members of the fire department while similarly cordial relationships existed between the governing bodies of the town of Grimsby and the township of North Grimsby and the Fire Department, all of which made for the highest efficiency.



CAPTAIN A. LEPAGE Grimsby Fire Dept.

had been twelve regular meetings of the Department while 38 fire calls (Continued on page 4)

COUNTY COUNCIL KEEPS WITHIN ITS ESTIMATES

Children Make Liberal Donations To Christmas Cheer—Free Matinee

Monday afternoon Mrs. Moore, proprietress of the local theatre, as in past years, most generously offered a special Free Matinee to the children of the town and district. The charge of admittance was merely the donation of a jar of canned fruit or vegetables to aid in the distribution of Christmas Cheer. The kiddies flocked to the theatre and as a result a splendid contribution was made possible, there being goods of every sort to help make a happier Christmas Day for many citizens.

Mrs. Moore, thoughtfully selected pictures suitable for the children.

Capacity Audiences At Performances Of Ramon, The Magician

Moore's Theatre enjoyed capacity audiences on Wednesday and Thursday evenings when the magician "The Great Ramon", and his company of clever assistants appeared on the stage in conjunction with the regular screen presentation. Gasps of amazement and horror were heard from all parts of the theatre at the seeming wonders performed including "Piercing a Woman" with a solid steel bar. "The Devil's Torture Chamber" as utilized during the Spanish Inquisition, "The Glass Trunk Mystery," "Death on the Guillotine," an exact replica of the French Revolutionary Guillotine, being used in the latter act. "Escape from a Straight Jacket" and many others were included in the performance in many cases local children and grown-ups being called on the stage to take part in the acts.

New Bantam Corn Resists The "Borer"

Declaring that a new type of golden bantam corn produced at the Experimental Farm at Lansing, Mich., and developed at Michigan State College Experimental Station, said to be resistant to the corn-borer, will be a great boon, Prof. Caesar of the Ontario Agricultural College, Provincial Entomologist and director of the corn-borer campaign in Canada, said last week that the new variety must have certain qualities before it can be used commercially.

Professor Caesar pointed out that the variety maize amango, which is the basis from which the new corn has been bred, is very resistant to the borer, and in bad years has been left untouched by the pest. The trouble has been to get a cross that is not only resistant, but is also a good quality, one that will yield well and have good feed value.

Another important feature is that the new variety must be "fixed" so that it will not revert to type if it is "fixed" and is of as good quality as the golden bantam. The Professor stated it will be a great boon, but "I would not count on it too much as yet."

NO LIEN ON PROPERTIES OF RELIEF RECIPIENTS PERMITTED, SAYS CROLL

Samuel Lawrence, M. P. F., announced last week that he had been assured by Hon. David A. Croll, Minister of Public Welfare in the Ontario Government, that he would not permit Hamilton to place any lien on the property of persons receiving relief in this city.

"I went with a deputation to see Mr. Croll," Mr. Lawrence said, "and he told me to let him know of the first instance where the city attempted to enforce a lien against the property of a person who owned a home and had to go on relief. Since the Province pays two-thirds of relief costs, Mr. Croll does not see why the city should step in and make arrangements to get repaid for its one-third share while the Province would get no return at all. He believes that people should keep off relief as long as they can, but he won't tolerate this arrangement for the city to receive repayment."

Every Committee Shows Balance — Council Members And Heads Of Various Departments Complimented On Excellent Results From Year's Activities.

The Lincoln County Council last week concluded the year's activities in the happy and enviable position of being able to report that it had stayed well within the estimates, every committee having a balance. This splendid record elicited high tributes to Warden E. Osborne and, as pointed out, reflected his efficiency and leadership. The warden, in acknowledging, complimented the committee chairmen and the members as a whole, on the year's achievements.

Following the presentation of routine reports, and a resolution commenting on the efficiency of the St. Catharines fire department in responding to a test alarm at the Children's Shelter, ex-Warden J. R. Stork, on resolution, took the chair and presided over the closing ceremonies.

A resolution expressing the appreciation of the loyalty and efficiency of the county staff, from warden to messenger, brought a flow of oratory and good wishes, during which the Warden was extolled for his power of analysis, his outstanding ability to grapple with problems, his devotion to service and his general efficiency, and the wish was expressed on all sides that he would be returned as Reeve of Beamsville to continue his work in the county council.

Warden Osborne was also referred to as the only returned soldier to occupy the warden's chair. Those who spoke to the resolution were: Councillors W. H. Harrison, Stanley Stirling, Robert Dawson, Wm. Nesbitt, J. L. Copeland, G. A. Weistand, Alex. E. Stewart, Peter Graham, H. G. Mogg, I. E. Claus, Harvey Fawell, A. E. Groff, A. J. Dalrymple, John Lampman, J. E. Lawson and J. R. Stork. A telegram of congratulations on the successful term of Warden Osborne was read from C. A. Ansell, Reeve of Fort Dalhousie, who had been called to Montreal on business.

The reply to the resolution was made by County Clerk and Treasurer Camby Wismer, George A. Carefoot, school inspector; Frank Sifton, superintendent of the Home for the Aged; Arthur Swayze, ex-warden, member of the Suburban Roads Commission; A. A. Craile, representative on the Board of Education; ex-Wardens, J. E. Masters, D. H. Moyer and Wm. Richardson, members of the Mother's Allowance Board, Claude Tufford, traffic officer and Alf Zimmerman, superintendent of buildings.

Later Warden Osborne was returned to his chair and was, on behalf of the council, presented with the gavel, mounted with an engraved metal band, which had been used during the year. Councillor Nesbitt made the presentation.

The Warden expressed his appreciation of the gift and then spoke of the fine support which had been given to him throughout the year by every member. The success of the various (Continued on page 8)

No Lack of Feed For Livestock In The Niagara District

Niagara district does not lack in feed for livestock this winter, according to William E. Fawell, inspector of Lincoln County Humane society. This winter, he says, is a striking contrast with last winter, when many farmers were compelled to sell or kill their stock because they were unable to pay the high prices for feed. Hay is now down to \$9 a ton.

From other sources it was learned that Niagara district farmers are in good shape to face winter. The water problem has been solved by the numerous heavy rains this month, and it is reported that wells and cisterns are well filled, as well as the supply of water for stock.

Card of Thanks

May I take this opportunity to thank the members and officers of Grimsby Chapter, No. 195, of the Eastern Star, the Alexina Rebekah Lodge and neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes, also to those who so kindly loaned cars.

Hurry Wassilge.

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MISLEADING ADVERTISING

Radio listeners who have lost patience with the volume of advertising which comes over the air will be interested in a report which has been made on radio advertising by the Federal Trade Commission of the United States. The Commission has made a thorough analysis of a great quantity of radio advertising material, and publishes its findings that a substantial percentage of that material is false and misleading.

In its investigation, the Commission found that over 38,000 radio advertising continuities were false and misleading. This should make radio listeners think seriously as they listen to the advertising messages being given over the air. They have no way of telling which messages are in the false and misleading class and which are genuine and reliable. So the natural reaction is that, in addition to finding the excessive advertising obnoxious, they will mistrust it, because they will have no real assurance as to its genuineness.

In this respect, radio advertising differs from newspaper advertising. Newspaper advertising, appearing in printed form, is there in a permanent record, and can easily be checked up, and heavy penalties await the person who is responsible for the insertion of false advertising in a newspaper. There is not the same check on radio advertising, particularly on that which has its origin in another country, and which is thrust upon listeners who have no means of checking its authenticity. —Whitby Gazette and Chronicle.

DON'T DO IT

Listowel woman finds \$100 stuck behind an old wooden picture frame which had lain for several years in a trunk. It is an old trick of mankind to hide away money so securely that its whereabouts is forgotten and only some lucky accident brings it to light again. No doubt money thus hidden in every community and never found amounts to an impressive sum. —Toronto Globe.

YOUR MORNING SMILE

The lady was visiting the aquarium. "Can you tell me whether I could get a live shark here?" she asked an attendant. "A live shark? What could you do with a live shark?" "A neighbor's cat has been eating my goldfish and I want to teach him a lesson." —Toronto Mail and Empire.

SAVE THE SURFACE

"Save the surface and you save all," they tell us. So when we read that co-eds of the University of Wisconsin use enough lipstick each year to paint four barns, all we can say is that perhaps it is the more important surface that is receiving attention. Barns may be important to house horses and cattle and machinery and potatoes. But just think of all the romance there is wrapped up in a pair of girl's lips! A girl without that romance there probably wouldn't be any use for the cattle and the potatoes before long. Perhaps even the farmers will agree to that.

By all means save both surfaces. —Sault Ste. Marie Star.

FIFTEEN TONS OF FREIGHT

We shouldn't have been out that late but as the Post Office clock tolled two in the morning we stepped off the curb on Ontario street and deferred crossing until a motor truck with a trailer lumbered by and rolled to a stop a few rods up the street. The two-wheeled thing was so big that even in the darkness it seemed to cast a shadow. On inquiry we found that the truck carried a load of ten tons and the trailer five tons—fifteen tons in all. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

AUTOMOBILES AND LIONS

The newspaper makeup editor—the harassed functionary who stands beneath a mercury lamp and tells a telling printer to insert this story here and that story there—sometimes by putting two contrasting stories side by side, he can polar a moral more deftly than the most eloquent of scribes.

An example of this appeared in an eastern contemporary a few days ago. There was a little story from France, telling how lions which had escaped from some zoo or circus had waylaid and eaten two honest Frenchmen. And the adjoining story, of equal length and prominence, was one of the very familiar traffic stories telling how two Americans were killed by an automobile.

And the makeup man, it seems to us, did well to put those two stories side by side. We get a shudder out of thinking of ravishing lions roaming through a civilized country.

side—and then we are reminded that our own automobiles shuttling along the highways, are more of a menace to human life than all the beasts of Africa. —Victoria Times.

THE MAN WHO LAUGHS

In Dedham, Massachusetts, a certain gentleman went to a movie comedy. As the comedy unfolded he chuckled to himself and then gave way to unrestrained laughter. The infection spread and soon the whole audience was convulsed. The laughter multiplied itself, the whole audience being in sympathy and laughter shared multiplies itself. The comedy itself, together with the hearty laughter of this one particular man, combined to generate such a mood in the audience that it laughed till the tears came.

Then the lights came on and the audience craned its neck to see who it was had led the merry hour. Suddenly abashed the man in question realized he was the attraction of all eyes and searched about for a hasty exit.

But while he paused seeking the quickest way out, he was tapped on the shoulder and an envelope placed in his hand. It contained two free passes "Good for life, and please come often." What a world it would be if some of us could now and again laugh like that. —Halifax Chronicle.

A PLEA FOR THE HORSES

With the coming of the first snow of the winter, it is not inopportune to call the attention of all firms who use horses for transportation purposes to the necessity of seeing that their animals are all properly shod for winter weather. Every year winter brings its toll of sad accidents to horses, due to the fact that they have not been fittingly equipped to meet the slippery conditions of the streets. Especially on our hilly thoroughfares does the necessity for winter shoeing make itself doubly manifest. To expect horses wearing shoes designed for summer conditions to tackle steep gradients covered with slippery snow and ice is not only unreasonable; it is an offence against humane principles which no-thing can excuse. —Montreal Star.

A COMMON HERITAGE

If additional proof were needed of the fact that so far the common cold has eluded all the efforts of science to eradicate it from humanity, news comes from an eminent American doctor that the United States' winter sneezing bill amounts to one hundred million dollars. Ours cannot be very much less, if, in proportion to our population.

Dr. Lloyd Arnold, of the University of Illinois, who makes this estimate, says that amount is spent on treatment for colds between now and spring, and adds other effects of the common cold as follows: Eighty thousand more deaths between October and April, the majority associated with common colds and their complications; two million wage-earners in industry, stores and offices sick for at least eight days, due to common colds and the sinus infections, sore throat, influenza, and pneumonia that follow or begin as colds; and children losing time at school.

If this does not make people stop and think—and sneeze—then the public is impervious to warning. We have cold troubles of our own here, and this year they seem to be unnecessarily numerous. To keep dry, stay out of draughts, and treat a temperature immediately, are but the dictates of routine common-sense. —Montreal Star.

THE EMPIRE

JAPANESE PENETRATION We do not wish to appear too pessimistic, but the attitude of the Japanese Military power, since the formation of the puppet State under Emperor Pu Yi, inclines us to the view that Japan would not rest contented unless and until North China is made part and parcel of Manchoukuo. Geographically speaking, North China is necessary to Manchoukuo, but the Japanese claim that without financial assistance from her, the vast resources of North China would remain undeveloped, and that it is only for this reason that Japan is so anxious to separate North China from Nanking. This may or may not be the true objective, but one thing is certain, that Japan has so far shown no sincerity in her avowed policy to help China along to a stable government. Under one pretext or the other, Japan may west North China from Nanking, and whether the achievement of her object would bring any profit to herself is a problem well worth the study. —Hong Kong Press.

A Noteworthy Idea



Industrial arts students at the Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., aides of Santa Claus during the pre-Christmas rush. They are pictured in their workshop repairing and repainting old broken toys for Christmas distribution. They helped to brighten lives of the poor children in their section of the state by work like this for the past three years.

No Nails Used

PERTH, West Aust.—An amending act to the traffic control legislation in this state has been subject of debate, and the proposals brought forward by the government have found more than usual support from the opposition, thus expressing a recognition that reforms were overdue.

E. H. Angelo, in the legislative council spoke on the amending act and showed from official figures how motor traffic had simply drifted from control, and pedestrian safety was a matter of only casual regard in many parts of the state and in the city of Perth in particular. Mr. Angelo's statement disclosed that traffic fatalities had increased from 42 to 69 a year since 1927 and injuries had increased in the same period from 329 to 971. The accidents rose from 2,310 to 3,123.

Would Reduce All Accidents

New York Safety Council Is Organized As Toll Mounts

NEW YORK — New York has a safety council whose aim is to reduce accidents in the streets, in the homes and in industry by 50 to 80 per cent. It was organized at a meeting of city officials and men and women leaders called together by Arthur Williams, president of the American Museum of Safety.

A letter was read from Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia pledging the support of the fusion administration. Similar offers of air came from Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine, and Walter Miller, Jr. secretary of the board of education. Mr. Williams said that accidents here last year took a toll of 3,256 lives and resulted in a financial loss of about \$100,000,000. Indicating that the home may be as great a hazard as the street, Mr. Williams cited a total of 1,071 fatalities resulting in home accidents, as compared with 1,098 on the streets. Accidents in industry brought 616 fatalities and in recreation and sports the total came to 471.

"During the last 25 years," Mr. Williams continued, "organized effort in industry has reduced all accidents 54 per cent. During the same period railroad fatalities have been reduced 60 per cent. and injuries 80 per cent."

Autos Banned

Bermuda More Wary Since First Fatality In Its History

Hamilton, Bermuda.—Grown more wary since this colony had the first automobile fatality in its history on September 3, legislators are now more determined than ever to keep Bermuda a "motorless paradise."

When the war department requested that military lorries be permitted to use motor lorries for transportation purposes, the House of Assembly turned thumbs down with the same firmness it refused the governor permission to have an automobile for official use.

S. S. Toddings, one of the members taking part in the brief discussion which the war department's request occasioned, told the House he had just returned from a visit to the United States where he had "anything but a pleasant time" due to the number of cars.

He added criticism of the trade development board for advertising Bermuda as a "motorless Eden," which he said it was not. The only motor vehicles in the colony, though, are a very few operated by the department of Public Works to keep the roads in good condition.

Reclamation Of Drought Areas

Ottawa.—Extension of the present program for the reclamation of dried out areas in the Prairie Provinces may be undertaken by the Dominion Government. Western representatives attending the Dominion-Provincial conference were interested in the federal government's policy on the matter but the question was not discussed in the agriculture sub-conference.

Hon. Jan. A. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture, intends to have a meeting later on with the ministers of agriculture for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, to discuss the matter. As these ministers did not attend the conference the drought problem was left over for the other meeting.

Last session an act was passed appropriating \$750,000 for reclamation of drought-stricken areas and the inauguration of measures to prevent future suffering from drought. The act provides for a five-year program and for the next four years the annual expenditure is to be \$1,000,000.

A large committee of technical experts, farmers, business men, representatives of the federal and provincial governments was set up to direct the program.

It is understood the western provinces were informed the Dominion is prepared to consider an enlargement of the program on the basis of the present set-up.

The agriculture sub-conference considered the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act but made no recommendation concerning it. Some provinces were opposed to the act, some favored and wish it retained.

Earlier in its deliberations the group decided in favor of a revision of government grants to fall farms. These grants are now made by both Dominion and Provincial governments under different conditions. It is proposed to set up a committee to draft a uniform policy and standardize the methods of making grants to farms all across the country.

Trans-Canada Route Backed

Ottawa.—Rapid construction of the long-dreamed highway extending from Halifax to Vancouver, the Trans-Canada route, was envisioned in a committee report to the Dominion-Provincial conference.

The Dominion agreed to contribute 50 per cent. of a province's cost of construction of the highway and the province to contribute the other 50 per cent. Eliminating of dangerous railway crossings also was recommended.

The report read as follows: Following a lengthy discussion, on the general subject of highways, with a view to further increasing tourist traffic in all parts of the Dominion and as a useful and profitable means of increasing employment, providing revenue producing public works and stimulating business, it was resolved that contributions of the Dominion government for highway construction be on the basis of 50 per cent. of future provincial expenditures for construction of the Trans-Canada highway to a standard designated by each province and approved by the Dominion government, and of such other highways as may be designated by the provincial governments and approved by the Dominion government as being for the general benefit of the development of Canada.

It was also resolved to make a suitable recommendation to the Dominion government with a view to the earliest possible elimination of all existing level crossings in all parts of the Dominion.

Thank God there is one door that opens to the touch of the humblest and poorest of God's children, and that door is the door of the Christian Church. —Jefferson.

New Hermone Speeds Growth

Found By Botanist — Two Crops Per Year Seen As Possibility

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The possibility of speeding up plant growth in cold regions and extending plant roots in arid regions to obtain more moisture, was seen recently by Professor Walter F. Lechwing, University of Iowa botanist.

He announced experiments with a new laboratory-produced plant hormone led him to believe "a century plant may be turned into a perennial flower bearer."

By treating plants with a saline in which this activating substance was suspended, Lechwing forced them to grow in circles, produced roots from a lily blossom, shortened the growth and bearing periods, and developed stronger plants.

He envisioned wide commercial possibilities in the new substance. He declared it may be used in making commercial fertilizer a better product. It is the substance in barnyard manure, he declared, which makes it a better fertilizer than commercial fertilizer.

He said it may be possible to speed up plant growth in moderate climates so two crops can be harvested where one was harvested before.

The hormone, called "hextrauxin," is produced here synthetically by Lyle C. Bauguess in the university chemical laboratories. Lechwing said a vital of the substance no bigger than his index finger contains more growth hormones than can be produced by a square mile of plant vegetation.

Dr. Bauguess, he said, is the first chemist to produce hextrauxin in quantity.

Women Favor Merit System

League Of Voters Also To Ask For Neutrality Legislation

WASHINGTON — Merit system in public service appointments, a better food and drug law, and neutrality legislation aimed to keep the United States out of war, will be "the big three" in the 1936 federal legislative program of the National League of Women Voters.

The league will seek in the coming congressional session, according to announcement by Miss Marguerite M. Wells, president, extension of the merit system throughout the federal service, to include all postmasters and others in emergency and newly-created agencies under civil service. League members believe, Miss Wells said, that legislation to establish the merit system and eliminate spoils practices must be passed if standards of public service are to be raised and waste and inefficiency eradicated.

"In urging some form of neutrality legislation, Miss Wells said, 'the league membership will be guided by a study now being made of various neutrality proposals. For most, it is anxious to propose a neutrality measure designed specifically to keep the United States out of war but which definitely will not obstruct peace efforts of other nations.'

"The league already has started its work for favorable action by the House on the pending Copeland Food and Drug Bill, the passage of which we believe will be a concrete benefit to the much discussed and neglected consumer. We believe the question at issue is whether our laws shall give people the protection they need, or whether legislation shall be prevented by those who are unwilling to sacrifice their own convenience or interests to the welfare of the general public."

Out of Control

Pedestrian Safety Is Only Casual Matter, Says Australian

BOOTLE, Eng.—Making cellulose boxes, a new industry in Britain, has been started here, and as a result several hundred workers are to be employed. The packing case is an Australian invention, patented in more than 30 countries.

Apart from an experimental works in the Netherlands, which will cater solely for the Netherlands trade, this Bottle factory is said to be the first one of its kind in the world.

Each complete manufacturing unit for the production of these boxes costs \$10,000. Each machine turns out 12 boxes a minute, compared with one box every two minutes from a plant which produces nailed boxes.

Nails are rendered necessary by having the hoop-iron which encircles the box punched in such a way that spikes are driven into the wood.

'Softness' a Growing American Tendency

"Too Much Femininity in the Saddle" Declares College Professor.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — A revolt against women was urged last week by Dr. Charles R. Clure, Hartwick College English professor in an address before the state association of district school superintendents.

"There is too much femininity in the saddle," said Prof. Clure in decrying the "softness" and "sissy" sentiment, which he said, is a growing American tendency.

Dr. Clure disclaimed any hostility toward women or a disregard for the element of courtesy, but, he said, "living grows softer. Let us beware lest the fibre of our national character soften also."

Saying he was not condemning women, the speaker asserted he did condemn the principle that puts small things first.

"Only a squeaking Manikin can comply with the collective demands of the collective feminine voice of society," he said.

More masculinity in the educational setup was urged by Dr. Clure, who said he still saw virtue in the hickory stick.

"Canning" Blood

For Transfusions — Can Be Shipped Thousands Of Miles

Chicago. — Perfection of a technique on "canning" human blood for long range transfusions was reported recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The blood was "canned" in South America and shipped as far as Italy and France for successful transfusions, the Buenos Aires correspondent of the Journal said.

As much as 27 days elapsed between the "canning" and the transfusion, the correspondent said, and the average time was 7.4 days. A total of 395 such transfusions were performed in two years by Dr. R. Piazzi and Dr. J. Tenconi, of the Hospital Italiano of Buenos Aires, the Journal was advised.

The technique was described as follows: While the blood is being taken from the donor, it is automatically mixed with sodium citrate. The red corpuscles are divided from the liquid part of the blood by centrifugal force.

The corpuscles are "canned" by mixing them with a solution of sodium citrate and sugar or dextrose. The liquid blood is kept by itself. Both are placed in refrigerators at one to three degrees centigrade.

Cultures are made to exclude bacteria, and the type of blood is determined to simplify the transfusion when that stage is reached. Then before the transfusion, the blood is passed through a silk filter to restore it to its original condition.

Hay Market Report

There is an abundance of hay, straw and other feeds in most areas of Canada this year due to a very favourable production season. The supply of market hay is so great generally that shipments are few at the present time, there being lots of local supply to meet the needs for the time being or even the Targers and towns, which ordinarily are supplied in part with market hay from distant points. Only a small export demand is expected as large hay and other fodder crops are reported in the United States and Great Britain.

border localities are not benefit after January 1, 1936, if on the reduction of the American import tariff recently announced. The new import duty into the United States will be \$5.00 per ton as against \$5.00, an advantage of \$2.00 per ton.

Lady Tweedsmuir Commends Canada's Women's Institutes

"If one thing more than the other warms the heart of the wife of our new Governor-General is the women of Canada. It is the fact that from through the medium of Mrs. Alfred Watt (who was afterward honored by the King with the Order of the British Empire), came the Women's Institutes, which, for the past twenty years, have meant so much in the life of the women of rural England. This became evident when, during the Vice-regal visit to Toronto, a small group of Women's Institute members found themselves, by a happy chance, in quiet conversation with her Excellency. The first thing they noticed was the emblem of that great organization pinned to her dress, and quickly recognizable because it is so very like their own Women's Institute pin.

In a few minutes the group engaged in earnest conversation concerning the Institutes in England and here, and thrilled to learn that her Excellency has been active in the work of the Oxfordshire Federation, and is already keenly interested in the mother society in Canada. With increasing pleasure in their common enthusiasm, the Ontario women discovered that the organ of the Institutes in England bears the same name as their own, "For Home and Country"; that the movement was founded on the same aims and ideals, and that, to a considerable extent, the same problems confront it. There was the link of laughter too, over the people who are so shy in meeting, but so talkative when it is over, forming themselves into voluble, if unofficial, "street committees" to comment and discuss. The Canadian members were inclined to think their English sisters more shy than they, after nearly twice as long an experience on the forum offered by the Institutes, few here are afraid to "speak out in meeting."

Miss Spencer-Smith, her Excellency's young attendant, is also an ardent Institute member, and was most interested in the exchange of ideas concerning the work of the organization. In a few short moments a strong bond of comradeship had formed between the new occupants of Rideau Hall and the women from Ontario farms. The face of the First Lady of the Land was alight with interest, and all around the circle as they sat at tea the light kindled in other eyes in warm response. It all seemed such a happy augury for a regime of work and enthusiasm shared by the women of our Canadian town and country communities and the woman who has come to occupy a Vice-regal position, but who brings to it that intelligent sympathy with their interests which makes their problems her own. —Toronto Globe.

During the past few days several lives have been snuffed out permanently in accidents involving automobiles and railway trains. For some inexplicable reason, there appears to be a type of driver who, with reckless abandon and no care for his passengers, will endeavor to beat a train to a crossing every time he is given the opportunity. Common sense should be one of the first requisites of all drivers and yet this quality is noticeably lacking among motorists with respect to railway crossings. The railway companies, in an effort to avoid accidents, have caused warning signals of various types to be erected at nearly all main crossings; train crews are warned to be constantly on the alert against possible accidents, and yet people get killed with exceeding regularity. It is about time that Ontario adopted a law similar to that of Quebec province, compelling all motorists to come to a full stop at all railway crossings. It seems absurd that laws are necessary to compel people to look after their own safety, but such is the case, and accidents will no doubt occur until such legislation is passed and rigidly enforced. —Kitchener.

Albany, N.Y. — Down to a streamlined 150 after whittling off 25 pounds, Rose Freistater, New York City school teacher, told the State Education Department last week that she is qualified for a teaching permit.

"She was denied a license by the City Board of Education last spring because she scaled more than 150 pounds," the board gave her six months to get under the limit.

By diet, tennis, horseback riding and massages, she determined to carry out her anti-fat campaign. This is what she eats.

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The Week's News of
The Surrounding District

BEAMSVILLE

Two trucks were involved in an accident two miles east of Beamsville last week. A heavy truck owned by the Martin Transport company of Brantford was struck by a light delivery truck driven by Peter Kolin of Grimsby. It is understood that Kolin had been parked at the side of the road as the transport came along. As the larger truck was passing the little truck tried to make a left turn and caught the rear end of the heavier vehicle. The transport truck was damaged only to the extent of a flat tire, but Mr. Kolin's truck had a wheel torn off and was damaged rather seriously otherwise. Provincial Constable Darby investigated. No charges will be laid.

The yearly county of Lincoln grants due the county high schools for tuition of county pupils will not be paid until after the first of the year, it is stated.

An excellent festival of Christmas song was rendered Sunday night at the Community hall before a large and appreciative audience. F. W. Timms was in charge of the numbers and under his direction the lengthy program was efficiently given. Most of the singers were from the various church choirs and the Philharmonic choir. The collection at the door will be used by the Lena Davis chapter, I. O. O. F., for Christmas cheer baskets.

The girls of the Gude company held their Christmas distribution of gifts from a tree at the Community hall on Saturday afternoon. The girls also had a merry tea party.

A large number of illuminated "trees" besides the two community trees, are being much admired.

VINEMOUNT

At the Women's Institute meeting it was decided to have a musical drama presented in the hall on Sunday evening, next, by a group from the Vinemount United church. Preparations were also commenced for the institute's tenth anniversary which is to be celebrated at the end of January. Christmas carols and seasonal readings featured the program, and an exchange of Christmas gifts was held at the close of the meeting.

The Vinemount school children under the capable leadership of their teacher, Mrs. B. Taylor, and of their music teacher, F. W. Timms, presented an excellent concert in the school. Mr. Timms spoke briefly about the interest the children took in their musical instruction, and complimented several pupils on their accomplishments. Charles Bowdlaugh, who was successful in passing his entrance examinations this year, was presented with his certificate by Mrs. Taylor.

The Tweedside school concert which was held in the hall drew a large and enthusiastic audience to hear the fine program of musical numbers, recitations, drills and dialogues. Mrs. Robert Bell acted as chairman and much credit is due to Mr. Hewson and his pupils for the successful affair.

SMITHVILLE

Frank Roberts, South Grimsby, township clerk, who lives one-quarter mile west of the village on the 20 highway, lost between 40 and 50 hens to thieves Wednesday night last. The parties parked their car or truck on a side road and carried the birds across a field. Mr. Roberts lost a flock in the same way about two years ago.

Part of the harness which was stolen from William Graham's barn about two weeks ago has been found. Provincial Constable Tufford investigated a report that the harness was offered for sale at St. Catharines and reports he found all but the collars in the house of W. Parkes, near O'Reilly bridge.

June Knox, aged five, grand daughter of Milton Tufford, whose arm was crushed in an electric clothes wringer, is reported to be doing nicely. The mother was putting heavy underwear through and when her back was turned for only a second to attend to clothes in a boiler, the little child's arm was caught and it was above the elbow when the machine was shut off. The release jammed, and it was a half hour before the wringer could be taken apart to get the arm out.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE TO
OPEN ON JANUARY 21

Premier Hepburn announced last week that the second session of the 19th legislature would open Tuesday, January 21.

WINONA

The Fifty United Sunday school held its Christmas tree entertainment in the school room on Wednesday evening last with a capacity audience.

Egbert M. Smith, Winona, has an extraordinary hen. A light Sussex pullet, born April 15, has laid an egg 7 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches long, and weighing 4 1/2 ounces.

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Bule on Thursday afternoon with thirty in attendance. The roll call was answered by the members giving excellent suggestions for a Christmas table centerpiece. Mrs. Gordon Carpenter, historical research convenor, gave an outstanding paper on the History of Saltfleet Township. Mrs. Glen Harrod rendered a report of the district officers' rally, held in Hamilton recently.

The ladies received a very pleasant surprise in having a visitor in the person of Santa Claus, through the courtesy of the G. W. Robinson Co. Santa presented each lady with a lovely gift, these being donated by the president, Mrs. Johns.

The Live Wire Mission hand met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Martin.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Winona public school will be held in the schoolhouse on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when the reports will be received, the election of a new trustee and other business will be transacted.

The annual Christmas tree for the children of C. company and the Legion was held at C. company headquarters. As usual it was a big success, Santa giving presents and candy to over 70 children. During the evening, Mrs. Dyson, wife of the O.C. of the battalion, presented turkeys to the winners of C. company's turkey shoot, and poultry to the winners of the draw. An excellent program was given to the children.

STONEY CREEK

The annual meeting of the Young People's union of the United church was held last week, the following officers being elected: President, Ellen Campbell; vice-president, Hazel Wolfe; secretary, Donald Lutes; treasurer, Murray Utter. The conveners are: Christian fellowship, Violet Pyfrom; missionary, Norma Langdon; citizenship, Mrs. Grace Davy; literary, Kathleen Lawrence; social, Beatrice Gliddon; good will, Berice Massey; leadership, Eunice Pyfrom; leaders of young people's work, Florence Mitchell and B. J. Breakley; pianist, Marjorie Cotton; press representative, M. Johnston. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation of a set of china to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Utter.

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of the United church and election of officers took place last week and resulted as follows: Mrs. William Simmenton, president; Mrs. J. F. Felker, first vice-president; Mrs. Eric Miller, second vice-president; Mrs. N. Utter, third vice-president; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Nash; recording secretary, Mrs. Ed. Jess; treasurer, Mrs. D. McLeod; pianists, Mrs. H. Cotton and Mrs. S. Nash; Christian stewardship, Mrs. J. H. Lee; supply secretary, Mrs. F. Timms; strangers' secretary, Mrs. H. Massey; Missionary, Monthly, Mrs. G. Pyfrom; literature, Mrs. F. W. Stevenson; temperance, Mrs. W. N. Langdon; baby band, Mrs. H. Boden; mission band leaders, Mrs. C. Nash and Mrs. D. Wigham. Mrs. W. H. Graham delighted the gathering with a Christmas story.

In Saltfleet township the council have arranged that each family shall receive a double voucher for Christmas week in order that they may purchase something extra. The hint was passed out with the vouchers that chickens and geese would be regarded as meat for this week only. John Clough, who has been relief officer in the township for a number of years, stated that never before in his experience has a finer spirit of mutual good will existed between those on relief and the councillors than prevails at the present time.

The report of the Stoney Creek volunteer firemen, showed that the fire loss for 1935 was only \$87, although they had attended seven fires in the village during the year. Regular inspections of all places of business were made and suggestions offered for the removal of fire hazards.

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How To Cope With
The Relief "Racket"

By A Farmer's Wife Who Works
Seventy in Hours A Day.

(From The Canadian Countryman)

"Let's go on relief."
The number of times this remark is made in the course of a year in Canada should alarm the municipal, provincial and federal authorities of this country. That sentence shows a decadence in the public spirit of the people that would make their pioneer ancestors turn in their graves. And far too often it is heard without the drive of real necessity behind it.

Contrary to much that is said and written, it is not the drones who provoke the over-burdened taxpayer the most. They—the drones—have been more or less with us all our lives. We are resigned to them. The people who make the taxpayer sear are those who work well enough while the work lasts, live up to practically every dollar of it, outfit themselves with clothes, shoes and underwear with the last two or three pay envelopes, and then coolly go on relief for food and fuel during the winter months.

In the spring they emerge hale and hearty like the groundhog, ready for anything that offers. They have no bills to worry over, they leave all that to the taxpayer—poor fish—who has kept them. The taxpayer who has patched his year-before-last underwear—sometimes has even patches—the patches—has had his shoes half-tightened up his belt, removed his family into two rooms to save fuel and has kept the "reliefers" with the best grace that he can muster.

It has almost reached the point where one may know a taxpayer by the patches on his overalls, and the "reliefers" by his air of well-fed prosperity. It is enough to utterly demoralize all but the strongest characters.

Last summer in this township a man who was on relief all the following year had his house painted. We all went to see a man take a pride in his home and wish to improve it, but very few of the taxpayers who kept that man were able to paint their houses. THEY could scarcely paint the kitchen chairs.

Another man with an acre of ground at his command, growing up in weeds that infested the whole neighborhood, applied to the council in February for potatoes. Last year! When potatoes grew everywhere but in the middle of the road and on the roofs of the houses.

I bake my bread in order to economize. I can bake for exactly half what I should have to pay if I bought it from the baker who passes along our concession twice each week. But as I come home from town with the bag of flour in the buggy I meet a family whose relief bill constitutes part of our taxes going home with their arms full of wrapped bread. They don't have to spend three-quarters of an hour twice a week "setting" bread, or boost themselves out of bed at five o'clock in the morning to knead it down.

The whole situation can be summed up in one word—shiftlessness. Last year I collected data on a pioneer family that came to this country from Scotland one hundred years ago. The hardships that family en-

dured, the makeshifts they were driven to, would make the average "reliefers" hair stand on end. Once when the flour was done before the new crop was ready they lived on potatoes and milk for six weeks. A man here went on relief shortly after he had harvested 70 bags of potatoes from his plot of ground.

There is an old rhyme familiar to many:

"For every evil under the sun,
There is a remedy or there is none."

If the remedies which I am about to suggest seem drastic, let my excuse be that I consider the relief evil one of the most insidious with which the Dominion of Canada has ever had to deal. Drink or war cannot compare with it when one considers its effects on the morale of the people.

(1) The first requisite to an honest and efficient handling of the relief situation is a municipal council with backbone.

(2) The Provincial relief officials MUST uphold the decisions of the township councils. It took \$30.00 in the month of May, last, to keep one young widow with a three-year old child in a town with a population of 1,700. The councils claim that their hands are tied. The "reliefers" write to the Provincial officials, who come up and say "Give it to them. They can't live on less than that." I'd like to talk to one of those Provincial relief officials for half an hour. I could introduce him to men who have raised families of five and six, who were a credit to themselves and the country, on \$30.00 a month in that same town, and never dreamed of asking for help from anyone.

I can introduce him to a man who has kept himself, his wife and four children for months at a time on 50c a day. I can introduce him to a woman who has kept herself, her husband and five children and never had more than one dollar a day (\$6.00 a week) with which to do it.

(3) I suggest that every council pass a by-law giving any taxpayer who has his taxes paid in full the right to call on a man or woman who is on relief for 1 or 2 days work per week; the taxpayer to board him or her. I'm willing to bet good money (made by milking a row of cows night and morning) that such a by-law would cut the relief business 50 per cent. the first month.

Refusal to work should automatically cut that person off relief, at the same time dropping him or her from that year's voters' list.

(4) It has been suggested by a war veteran that the ration system be introduced into the relief machinery. When a soldier went on leave he was given a book of ration tickets, each ticket representing so much bread, butter, meat, jam, etc. If the soldier made a pig of himself and ran out of ration tickets two days before his leave expired, he either went without for those two days or went back to the line. In the "reliefers" case it would mean hunt up a job. No one ever heard of a soldier, however irresponsible, starving to death.

What is needed in this country, more than an increase in the number of relief projects or an increase in prices, is an enormous increase in the proper sort of pride. Not the pride that is determined to be as well-fed and as well-dressed as the man next door no matter who pays the bill, but the sort of pride that, at least, waits until the wolf is inside the gate before calling for help, instead of

HAMILTON COUPLE CELEBRATE
71ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Civil War was in progress in the United States in 1864 when Mr. and Mrs. George W. Palmer were married. They celebrated their seventy-first wedding anniversary Dec. 19, receiving congratulations from all over the country.

Last year when they celebrated their seventieth anniversary they received a congratulatory cable from King George and a telegram from Prime Minister Bennett.

Mr. Palmer is 91 and his wife 90. Mr. Palmer is of United Empire Loyalist stock, his family having come to Grimsby, in 1790. He was forty years a skilled woodworker, felling trees in Beverly swamp and boring them by hand to be used as pumps for old-time wells.

A great athlete in his younger days, Mr. Palmer played with the old Tecumseh baseball team, London, Ont., and took part in the game between London and the Rockford, Ill. Red Stockings, first professional team to tour Canada.

Mrs. Palmer is a native of Waterdown, near Hamilton, and was married to Mr. Palmer at Jerseyville, not far from here, Dec. 19, 1864.

MATRICULATION REQUIRED FOR
CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONS
IN NON-PERMANENT MILITIA

New regulations governing appointment to a commission in the non-permanent active militia are promulgated in militia order No. 442 of 1935, which has just been issued. It is stated:

In the future, as from January 1, 1936, all candidates for commissions will have to have passed their matriculation or else pass a test examination in certain subjects based on the standard laid down for the army first-class educational certificate. It is understood that this test examination will be very stiff and the papers to be written will be English or French, mathematics and geography.

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THE INDEPENDENT

FIREMEN COMPLIMENTED
ON THEIR EFFICIENCY

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had been responded to. The chief said that the new fire truck was giving excellent satisfaction and the firemen were proud of it. Paying a high tribute to the firemen Chief Demille referred to a recent visit made to Port Colborne by the Fire Department with the new fire truck where the Grimsby firemen created an excellent impression by their smart appearance, the manner in which they conducted themselves being all that could be desired. The Fire Department, he said, had closed the year with a balance in the treasury.

Chief Demille announced the intention to inaugurate a fund for the care of the firemen in case of sickness and accident as the insurance carried did not cover everything.

Reference was made by the chief to the cordial relationship existing between the Joint Fire Committee and the Fire Department. Their association with the councils of both the town and township had been most pleasant and could not have been better. He urged that when strangers came to the town and questions were asked as to the kind of municipality we have, citizens should boost our town and speak well of our various civic bodies and organizations. It was by co-operation on the part of all citizens that the best results could be accomplished. The spirit of co-operation and the desire to help one another in carrying out of their duties was also evidenced among the police of the district.

In conclusion Chief Demille paid a high tribute to Captain Alf. LePage and other members of the fire company. In carrying out their duties they were keen, used good judgment and were most efficient.

Captain LePage, referring to the fact that the Fire Department had enjoyed a wonderful year, said it was the best since Chief Demille had come here. The councils of the two municipalities had also co-operated in every way.

Mayor McPherson expressed himself as proud of the Fire Department and alluded to the purchase of the Fire Pumper which had increased the efficiency of the Department and caused the firemen to take renewed interest in their work. He wished

them continued success in the new year.

The good wishes of Mayor-elect Lewis who was called away before the evening concluded, were conveyed to the fire department through Mr. L. Pettit.

Town Clerk G. G. Bourne, in extending his good wishes to the fire department, intimated that the final payment on the new fire truck had been made on December 13th.

Reeve Lawson of North Grimsby said that for nine years he had been closely associated with the fire department and was very pleased to note the harmony and good feeling which prevailed. The Club room of the firemen was a credit to the town. He would always take a keen interest in the progress of the Fire Department which was so efficiently serving the community.

Deputy Reeve Graham of North Grimsby in commending the fire dept. on its efficiency and in referring to the purchase of a pumper recalled the fact that as a member of the Joint Fire Committee for several years he had been very desirous of something being done in regard to the fire equipment. The township had been entitled to more protection for the amount being contributed towards the upkeep of the Fire Department while lack of equipment to meet conditions in the township resulted in the destruction of homes which in nearly every case were not being replaced, being a dead loss in so far as the township was concerned. This led to the advocacy of new equipment since purchased while the agreement between the town and township in regard to fire protection which expired had also been replaced with a new one. He noted the harmony prevailing in the Fire Dept. which was so well serving the municipalities of Grimsby and North Grimsby.

Reeve Mogg referred to the new fire pumper and the asset it was to the community and paid tribute to the high efficiency with which the fire department was carrying out its duties for which great credit was due the chief and firemen.

Others who spoke briefly in commendation of the Grimsby Fire Department were Armand Hummel, David Allan, E. J. Muir, Wm. Smith, Provincial Constable I. Robble, George Bolton and C. S. Bean.

Local Items of Interest

An encouraging increase in receipts from current year's taxes as well as from arrears is reported by tax collector Col. W. W. Johnson of North Grimsby Township.

A large number attended the Christmas entertainment held at Calder's School, S. S. No. 13, on Thursday last, when an excellent program was given.

Russell Kelley of Hamilton, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Service Club of St. Andrew's Church in the Parish Hall last week.

The case of W. Swall, charged with operating a second-hand business in Grimsby without having obtained a town license as required under a newly passed by-law, has been remanded until January 7.

A social evening will be held by the Young People's Society of Trinity United Church on Monday evening when members of the Four F Club, Hamilton will provide the program.

Mr. James Wentworth, truant officer, last week paid his annual visit to the local public school and as in former years distributed candies and oranges to the junior pupils of the school.

On Wednesday evening of last week an interesting game between Yale and Towne and Interlake Tissue of the St. Catharines Industrial league was played in the local arena with a 3-3 score. Roy Farrell was the referee.

At the meeting of the executive of Military District No. 2 Infantry Association, Lt.-Col. W. W. Johnson was appointed first Vice-President of that organization which he will represent at the annual meeting to be held in Victoria, B.C., in February.

A baptismal service was held in Trinity United Church on Sunday at which four children were baptised by the minister, Rev. E. A. Earchman. At the evening service, "The Story of the Nativity", was given in a series of lantern slides while the choir gave a special program of Christmas music including carols. The services both morning and evening were largely attended.

75% INCREASE IN RELIEF
GRANTS TO PROVINCES
ONTARIO GETS \$1,000,000
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Beve the government of a great deal of the pressure from relief administration. It will also be charged with the task of recommending ways and means of increasing employment.

The increased relief payments will be retroactive to the first of December, and will provide a breathing space while parliament is dealing with the whole subject of relief at the forthcoming session.

Relief increases will be shared equally by all the provinces, each getting a flat 75 per cent. addition to the grants paid since August, 1934. These monthly grants-in-aid were substituted at that time for the previous system of paying a percentage share of the total to the provinces and the municipalities of relief in each province.

Police Radio System
Urged In Hamilton
Increase In Crime

Hamilton's board of police commissioners last week, unanimously approved Police E. K. Goodman's 1936 budget estimates, which will now be passed on to the board of control. Chief among numerous recommendations submitted by Chief Goodman was the expenditure of \$4,500 for installation and maintenance of a police radio system, and application for modernized motor equipment, including 12 new motorcycles and three squad cars.

Increase of approximately \$15,000 is seen in the new budget estimates presented. Expenses of \$7,700 for motorcycles, \$4,500 for radio equipment and \$1,800 for three new squad cars represent the largest items on the 1936 budget.

Magistrate H. A. Burbridge, chairman of the board, was also heartily in favour of radio cars.

"In recent months there's been a rising tide of crime," he declared. "This rise has been marked enough to cause a great deal of apprehension. We have been forced to be less lenient on shop and house-breakers lately. Juvenile crime too is increasing," observed the magistrate. "Today there are dozens and dozens of petty thefts. Morris of our youth are considerably loosened, and shows an alarming tendency to develop further."

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LICENSE FEES UP \$20,000

License fees collected during 1935 were \$7,000 more than the estimated revenue from this source and nearly \$20,000 ahead of last year's collection in Hamilton.

The previous high total for licenses was in 1930, when \$65,000 was obtained. The receipts for this year are \$71,300 to date, while the total for 1934 was \$53,200. The estimate for this year was \$64,000.

RADIO FOR POLICE CAR

Chief Lee Smith of Burlington, will have a radio installed in his auto, he announced recently. He believes if such a system could be used by small police forces throughout Ontario, with a central station in Toronto, that a great amount of expense in telephone calls could be cut out, and that the police system would be made more efficient.

MERCHANTS WARNED

Western Ontario police have warned St. Catharines merchants to guard against an alleged "rubber" cheque artist, who operates under the name of L. Watts. It is said he orders goods sent to an address out of town, pays by a larger cheque and takes the change.

The cheque comes bouncing back, "N.S.F." Watts is described about 20, 5 feet nine or ten, weighs 150, round red face, dark suit, light overcoat and dark fedora.

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"SHE MARRIED HER BOSS"
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"Thrill Flashes"

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Notice To Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF the estate of GEORGE THOMAS MABEY, late of the City of Corona, in the County of Riverside and State of California, Gentleman, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to The Trustee Act, R. S. O. 1927, Chapter 150, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said George Thomas Mabey, who died on or about the 3rd day of August, 1935, at the City of Corona in the State of California, are required, on or before the 9th day of January 1936, to send by post prepaid or deliver to NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY LIMITED, Hamilton, the Ontario Administrator of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars, in writing, of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

AND take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have notice, and that the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by it at the time of such distribution.

LANCASTER & MIX,
Solicitors for the said Administrator.
Dated at Grimsby this 17th day of December, 1935.

GRIMSBY ARENA

FRIDAY, DEC. 27TH — 8.30 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE O.H.A.

Peach Kings vs. Thorold

Adults 25c (Tax Included)

Children 10c

SKATING

CHRISTMAS NIGHT — 8-10 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE — 8-12.30 p.m.

Skate The Old Year Out The New Year In

PHONE 447

NO ACTION ON

BOXING DAY

(Continued from page 1)
needy of the parish. These boxes were opened on the day after Christmas day, and their contents distributed.

Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia governments have declared Boxing day a statutory holiday while in Saskatchewan the holiday will be generally observed. In accordance with a long-standing practice, federal civil servants will be given a half holiday December 24 and December 31.

A poll of Ontario centres showed that eleven cities would observe the holiday, while five would partially observe it. Windsor stood alone in the province by a general decision of merchants there to carry on business as usual.

Ontario cities observing Boxing day are Hamilton, St. Catharines, London, Woodstock, Belleville, Galt, Kitchen, North Bay, Brantford, Brockville and Peterboro'. In Stratford, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie and Toronto, the holiday will be partially observed. Indications were the holiday would be observed in Owen Sound, but a petition being circulated among merchants is not complete.

In Hamilton, the Chambers of Commerce endorsed the movement to close stores Boxing Day, after Mayor H. E. Wilton declined to issue a proclamation on the grounds he had done so on Remembrance Day and the merchants had ignored his wish. In several other Ontario cities, proclamations were issued by Chief Magistrates, while merchants' associations decided to observe the holiday at other centres.

Still other Ontario points will observe the holiday only partially. At Brockville, merchants and some fac-

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stores will observe Boxing Day, while other places of business will remain open. In Sault Ste. Marie, wholesale flour and feed dealers and some individual retail stores will remain closed.

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NEW YEAR

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ASSORTED
2 lbs. 25c

Chocolates lb. 24c
Mincemeat 2 lbs. 25c
Table Raisins lb. 30c
Old Cheese lb. 21c
Pumpkin Silver No. 2 1/2 10c
Queen Olives tin 25c
Ginger Snaps lb. 9c
Sage or Savory tin 10c
Soda Biscuits 1-lb. pkgs. 13c
New Dates With Stones 2 lbs. 15c
Natural Figs 3 lbs. 25c
Clover Honey No. 2 1/2 23c
Shrimps tin 19c
Mayonnaise 8 1/2-oz. jar 23c
Corn Syrup 2-lb. tin 18c
Cough Syrup btl. 25c

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15 to 16-oz. size 35c

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2 lbs. 35c

Cocoa Cowan's 1-lb. tin 23c
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Grape Juice 16-oz. btl. 25c
Pineapple Juice 8-oz. tin 10c
Tomato Juice 10-oz. tin 5c
Peaches Dried lb. 21c
Apricots Dried lb. 29c
Plums Lombard No. 2 tin 10c
Pineapple Sliced No. 2 tin 10c
Plum Jam Wagstaff's 40-oz. jar 26c
Asparagus Cuttings No. 2 tin 15c
Tomatoes 3 No. 2 1/2 tin 25c
Aylmer Peas No. 2 tin 10c
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THE HOME PAGE

Yesterday at GRIMSBY PARK



Historical
Romance
of
Grimsby
Township

By Myrtle A. Bean
PART I
1859-1874
Synopsis

The story opens in the year 1859. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil with their two children, Carrie, aged sixteen and Nathan, twelve, live on the mountain in a log house, surrounded by forest, about four miles from Grimsby. Mr. O'Neil brings the news that the Hamilton and Niagara District of the Methodist Church have chosen a site for a permanent camp meeting ground on John Bowls' farm, and a camp meeting is to be held on Thursday, August 25, 1859. Rev. Michael Fawcett, the Methodist preacher of the Grimsby circuit, the Morton's in Grimsby also staunch methodists are friends of the O'Neils. Carrie goes to Grimsby on horseback to attend a prayer meeting for the camp meeting next Thursday and meets a new friend of a few months, Joe Carruthers, with whom she learned to sing at singing school. She was invited to stay at Ben Morton's overnight. They have four children: George, her own age, who is especially interested in Carrie, Janet, twelve, Momer, ten and the baby, Annabel. Also Ben Morton's father, Bursar of Victoria College and a minister of the gospel, who is visiting there for a week.

They talk of the great religious movement in the form of camp meetings that is spreading throughout Upper and Lower Canada which were usually held in the woods of some Methodist farmer. The year before in 1858 it had been held at Smithville on John Camp's farm where over 4,000 people had gathered.

The site for the camp meeting was chosen, a natural bowl-shaped clearing in the forest of John Bowls' farm. The place was cleared, wooden tents were built in a circle, planks were laid on logs for the congregation and the preacher's platform in one corner. Elevated stands stood at intervals around the circle on which pine roots and wood were piled to provide light and warmth for the evening meetings. After the work of construction was finished Ben Morton takes Rev. John Wakefield home with him for the night where Ben has him sample his new peach, the Crawford, a free-stone and budded fruit from the first nursery in Grimsby, belonging to C. E. Woolverton and his friend, A. M. Smith, a nurseryman of New Jersey.

Installment 10 Chapter 3

"Didn't your father expect to preach, Ben, sometime during the camp meeting? I thought I'd see him here. You know it is not yet a month since he married us," said Rev. John Wakefield, smiling.

"That's how we found out about your wedding, John, from him. He's here, he came up last week from Victoria to do some itinerant work before the camp meeting."

"I was glad he was given the honor again of being made treasurer of the college," said John with satisfaction.

"What I like about it is he isn't outside so much all over the country; father's getting up in years and is not so strong and wiry as he was," said Ben, a little anxiously. "The exposure and hard riding was telling on him. But he'd never say anything. It's for you young men, John, now to catch the torch."

"You are right, brother. May we hold it as high. They undertook a tremendous task, our life is easy in comparison."

"I think you still have a man's job, John. It always will be such no matter how different the circumstances to those who do it properly as you do."

"But where is father tonight, Sarah," he asked his wife who came to call them to supper.

"Oh Ben, I forgot for the moment to tell you, a Mr. Ferguson away up country died. He was one of your father's local preachers when he had his circuit thirty-one years ago in a '28. His son came down for Rev. Fawcett. Your father happened to be there so he went with him instead. He thought he could come back with Abigail Morse or the Bridgmans to the camp meeting."

"James Ferguson? Oh, I know him and have heard him. He was good too," said Ben. "He wanted to prepare for the itinerary but they decided the constant travelling would be too much for him, and he located on a small farm in the bush near Smithville. Years ago father took me up there. I remember he had a fine maple tree cut down beside his house and put away the planks for his coffin."

"That reminds me of one of my old parishioners," said Mr. Wakefield. "He had a huge walnut tree on his property out of which he hewed a coffin to fit him. That was old Heskiah Matheson, as interesting an old man as you would want to meet."

Ben smiled. "Father tells about one of the Beavers who kept his planks from an old oak for years. He took them everywhere he went, and then didn't have them at the end anyway for his house burned down and they were in it so his remains had to rest in one made of pine and stained with lamp black like most other peoples. But it's a nice idea. Will Beamer on the mountain is so handy at carpentering, people around here started asking him to make theirs and Mr. Moore keeps them in his furniture store down in the village now. It could be quite a business."

"I guess it doesn't really make much difference what we lie in if the soul is at peace," put in Mrs. Morton. "It's that man's poor old wife and daughter I'm thinking about, away up there in the middle of the woods all alone. The son is twenty miles away. I wish they'd bring the mourners with them too. The camp meeting would do them good."

"They would receive great comfort, perhaps they will," asserted John.

"Come out now and have some of my Cherry dumplings. I made it in your honor, John."

"Cherry dumplings, did you say? If it's as good as your famous chicken dumplings, kings could not sup better," said John appreciatively.

They came into the large cosy farm kitchen to the long table beside the wide-open window at the end. The rest of the family were waiting in decorous washed and combed silence standing at their places, and all set down, Mrs. Morton bringing in the dish of cherry dumplings and setting it before her husband, then seated herself.

Ben nodded to John to say grace and all heads were bowed, little Annabel sitting the open palms of her small hands together and closing her eyes tight.

"These are the first dried cherries we've had of this year's picking. It reminded me of them when Griffiths at Smithville called in for them," Mrs. Morton laughed. "In the spring everybody goes up to Dennis Palmer's to get as many cherries as they wish. Their whole place is surrounded with cherry trees. He's a staunch generous old Methodist. All the neighbors and friends come every year and we have a regular bee of picking cherries and visiting. This year the Griffiths happened to be down and picked with us, a whole tub full. They had never done any so I did theirs too. I was drying cherries for days and have a nice lot," she said as Ben ladeled it out, a big helping for each.

"We see the Smithville people so much often now since the new stone road is put in. Have you tried it yet, John?"

"No, but I should think it will help Grimsby in a business way, about as much as the train has. Both coming about the same time should be a good thing for the whole country around here."

Little Annabel held her empty plate and spoon up high for more cherry dumplings.

"It's very good, mother," said Ben and all the empty plates around the table gave mute evidence of the same desire. "I say ditto," said John.

"There's plenty more in the pot, Janet you might get the rest of it," Janet jumped up quickly and George in fun quietly licked his spoon and winked at her.

"Did you know, John, at one time there was a prospectus drawn up for forming a harbour at Grimsby? C. E. Woolverton told me about that. Had

it gone through I guess the county town would have been here. It was quite a scheme. For one thing this port located in the centre of the country, midway between Hamilton and Port Huron.

"On the natural basin here is admirable cheap dredging, and it has the high wharves rising from the water's edge so high enough to spout grain into a sailing vessel without aid of machinery. But C. E. was against such proposition. He thought it would cost too much. However, the rebellion of 1837 put a stop to all that and it led to the development of Hamilton and St. Catharines instead of Grimsby. Of course there's no hope of anything like that happening now but I believe it should be a centre of something."

"It may come in a way you little dream of, Ben. Perhaps through an outgrowth from this camp meeting. Perhaps not at all, but I feel tomorrow to be the beginning of some great movement for good in this district."

"How could it help but have some influence when you think of the preparation that has been made, the thought, the prayers," said Mrs. Morton, her face alight. "We had a remarkable meeting last Friday night in the church. The room was crowded with enthusiastic worshippers who had kept the fast."

"Rev. Fawcett is full of enthusiasm himself," agreed John. "I like the man very much."

"He had a good set of rules hung up for all to see, on the way to have revivals will not only begin, but Ben going to get them, and I honestly believe if these rules are followed revivals will not only begin but will continue in all the churches." Here they are.

1. Let all officers and members be-
lievingly pray for clear light of God's
countenance.

2. Determine to read the word of
God every day.

3. Resolve on having closet and
family prayer daily without fail.

4. Miss no opportunity of attending
public and social means of grace
when in your power to do so.

5. Resolve by the grace of God never
to speak evil of an absent one, and
make it a point to pray for them that
speak evil of you. Overcome evil with
good.

6. Be honest and upright in all your
dealings with men, and strive with all
your might to owe no man anything
but love.

7. Ask for the Holy Spirit and expect
His blessings.

8. Pray for a revival, live for it,
work for it and expect it every hour
till it comes.

9. Think and speak well of all men
till their conduct compels you to do
otherwise.

10. Be sure you give all the glory
of the good to the Father, Son and
Holy Ghost, and pray that His glory
may soon cover the earth as the waters
cover the sea.

Rev. Wakefield took the paper—
"I agree with you, Ben. It is very
appropriate. I think I will use that
myself."

(To Be Continued)

Social and Personal

Mr. Jessie Folker left Tuesday to
spend sometime with her daughter in
Toronto.

Mr. William Stephen of Montreal is
spending Christmas week at his home
in Grimsby.

Miss Minnie Bechtel and Mr. Sahag
Bean of Toronto spent Christmas with
C. S. and Mrs. Bean.

Hilton Swayze, Frank Hill and Earl
Duffield of Kirkland Lake are spend-
ing the Christmas week in Grimsby.

Mr. A. Inglis of the Canadian Bank
of Commerce staff is spending Christ-
mas Day with his parents at Clifford,
Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bucholtz and
family are spending the Christmas
week with the former's parents at
Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Millyard and
daughter, Madlyn spent Christmas
with the former's parents Rev. and
Mrs. Millyard of London.

Mr. Humphries and daughter Miss
Winna Humphries of Guelph are hol-
iday visitors at the United Church
Manse with Rev. E. A. and Mrs.
Earchman.

Truth destroys what
error's tempest have learned from
error, and may real existence as a
child of God come to light.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

Hockey Coach Is Appointed — Peach Kings Defeat Hamilton

Leo Reise, veteran N.H.L. hockey
player has been appointed coach of the
Peach Kings, Intermediate O. H. A.
team and after seeing his new charges
perform for the first time in an ex-
hibition game at the arena last Fri-
day night feels confident that he can
produce a team which will go far in
the Intermediate race this season.

Leo Reise will be remembered by
local fans, as one of the stars of a few
years ago, having played for Hamil-
ton professional team in 1921 and
later for three years with the New
York Americans. He brings to his
new duties a wealth of hockey ex-
perience and it is felt that the young-
sters who are advancing from Junior
to Intermediate hockey will improve
rapidly under his guidance.

Last Friday the Peach Kings gave a
sparkling display when they defeated
the Hamilton North End Athletics
9-2 in an exhibition game at the local
arena.

The locals first line of Lawson, Earl
Tufford and McLean played brilliant
hockey accounting for all the Peach
Kings goals, Tufford scoring six, Law-
son two and McLean one.

The Hamilton team presented a
well drilled forward passing attack
but were unable to out-guess the local
defence. On the few occasions when
this did happen their shots were ably
handled by Bobby Robertson who
played an outstanding game in the
Grimsby nets.

Leo Reise, the newly appointed
coach of the Peach Kings, refereed
the game and was quite pleased with
the way his boys went to work on the
fast Hamilton team.

The Peach Kings make their first
league appearance on Friday the
twenty-seventh, when they meet the
newly organized Thorold team at the
local arena.

INTERMEDIATE SCHEDULE

Dec. 27 Grimsby at Thorold.
Dec. 27 Cayuga at Dunnville.
Dec. 27 Hagersville at Caledonia.
Dec. 30 Thorold at Hagersville.
Jan. 3 Thorold at Dunnville.
Jan. 3 Caledonia at Cayuga.
Jan. 3 Hagersville at Grimsby.
Jan. 6 Caledonia at Hagersville.
Jan. 7 Dunnville at Thorold.
Jan. 7 Grimsby at Cayuga.
Jan. 10 Thorold at Caledonia.
Jan. 10 Cayuga at Grimsby.
Jan. 10 Hagersville at Dunnville.
Jan. 13 Cayuga at Hagersville.
Jan. 14 Dunnville at Grimsby.
Jan. 16 Grimsby at Hagersville.
Jan. 17 Dunnville at Caledonia.
Jan. 17 Thorold at Cayuga.
Jan. 21 Hagersville at Cayuga.
Jan. 21 Caledonia at Dunnville.
Jan. 21 Thorold at Grimsby.
Jan. 24 Cayuga at Caledonia.
Jan. 24 Hagersville at Thorold.
Jan. 27 Dunnville at Hagersville.
Jan. 28 Caledonia at Grimsby.
Jan. 31 Grimsby at Caledonia.
Jan. 31 Cayuga at Thorold.
Feb. 4 Caledonia at Thorold.
Feb. 4 Dunnville at Cayuga.
Feb. 7 Grimsby at Dunnville.
The Thorold home games to be played
at Grimsby Arena.

OFFENSE IF CITY MOTOR LICENSES REGISTERED UNDER OUT OF TOWN ADDRESSES

A ruling by Magistrate James Mc-
Kay of Hamilton, makes it an offense
for local residents to have their motor
vehicles registered under out-of-town
addresses. Cameron McWhirter, 301
Wentworth Street North, charged
with failure to comply with the Department
of Public Safety, of a change of
address, was allowed to go on deferred
sentence when the court was told
he had applied to the department for
corrected license. Police witnesses
informed the Magistrate that motor-
ists in some cases who commuted be-
tween Hamilton and the homes of rela-
tives in nearby towns or cities, gave
the latter's address when getting their
plates.

TEACHER AWARDED \$563.

When the Christmas holidays are
over the children attending the West
Flamboro-Beverly Union School, will
be free to return to their classes. For
a time it looked as though their form-
er teacher, Miss Myrtle Misner, might
be in full possession of the building in
execution of a damage judgment by
Judge Carpenter. Announcement was
made Friday that the sum of \$563,
the full amount of Miss Misner's
claim against the school trustees, had
been paid to the young lady's solic-
itors. Had the amount not been forth-
coming by next week, Miss Misner,
who sued for breach of contract,
would have been empowered to seize
the little red school house.

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human body by detecting the ab-
normal or reflex action manifested
when normal tissue cells are being
overcome by disease. This reflex ac-
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trictive properties of the tissue cells
are disturbed, and these reflexes are
more pronounced than the normal im-
pulses.

By connecting the patient to the
radionic instrument and "tuning" in
on the various scientifically estab-
lished rates, reaction will appear when,
and only when, pathology is present
in the body, it being no more possible
to find ulcers of the stomach, if ulcers
are not present, than it is to get a
Chicago station by tuning on your
radio to a Detroit station.

Each disease has a specific and un-
changeable wave length in every in-
stance—the same at all times in every
person. The only variation is in the
intensity, or severity, occurring in dif-
ferent individuals. It is rare that two
people have the same intensity of dis-
ease; i.e., the ailments will be more
or less in one than in another.

Two people afflicted with tuber-
culosis might have a like intensity of
that particular condition, but other
contributing ailments would most cer-
tainly vary, while the wave lengths of
tuberculosis is always the same in
every case. The same is true, without
exception, for all other afflictions.

\$6,000 FIRE AT DUNDAS PARK

A fire which broke out Thursday
last completely destroyed the old
grandstand and dressing-rooms at the
Dundas park. The loss will be \$6,000.
The fire had made great headway be-
fore the fire department reached the
scene and the building was pretty well
gone.

The grandstand was built about 25
years ago by the citizens committee
and is now in charge of the parks
board.

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THE REMARKABLE ROMANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL
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By
PEARL BELLAIRS

Joan, though of humble origin, is introduced as a social equal of Miss Georgina La Fontaine, rather than as her secretary. She meets Miss Hannen, millionaire, who forces his attentions on her. Lord Edwards proposes to Joan.

Joan leaves Miss La Fontaine to become a mannequin at the Raton Colonne. Miss Hannen takes Joan and her family for a cruise aboard his yacht.

"You can if you're old Uncle Charles Hannen, with five millions in the bank. He wanted to take her out without us. I herewith apologize," Hannen ended drily, "and acknowledge that a boat does sometimes drag her anchor in a high wind; and that I ought to have remembered that, and not risked the car drive!"

Joan looked at him hard, with a chill little smile on her lips. "Did you arrange this?" she asked quietly.

"I might one day arrange something of the sort if things go on any longer as they are!" he said coolly. "But I give you my word of honour, I did not arrange this. I don't," he waved his hand, "conjure storms and winds out of the sky!"

Joan smiled, forced to believe him; and after a pause she asked, as casually as possible: "What are you going to do?"

"Oh, Ansett will bring her in again in the morning—these storms are usually brief. Until then, I'm afraid we'll have to stay where we are. Terribly awkward, I know, but what must be, must be. You had better have a room here—I'll go and find a berth for myself somewhere else. You won't be afraid of staying here alone?"

"No!" This time her smile was radiant, as she realised that her fears about his lack of scruple had been rather absurd.

"How nice!" he said drily, though obviously he was pleased. "To see you smile like that! But I said, you know, that I'm perfectly harmless—to-night!"

(To Be Continued)

Grandma Lindstrom Never Lost A Baby

Aged Swedish Nurse Assisted At More Than 100 Births

NO letters after her name, nor a specialist in obstetrics, yet she has the credit of having brought more 100 babies into the world successfully, since she passed her 60th birthday.

This is the record of "Grandma" Lindstrom of the Athabaska district, who, now more than 80 has given up her work of love and care for others which has taken her, at times into bitter winter weather over miles of icy roads.

No call from a frantic husband, whose wife was lying alone in some lonely shack has ever been ignored by the old lady who is known and loved by all the residents of the district for many miles.

She came as a widow of 62 from Sweden. From the time of her arrival Mrs. Lindstrom has been in demand as a midwife. Twenty years ago, roads in the Athabaska district were not what they are today, but no weather or roads were bad enough to stop her when he felt that her assistance was needed.

No student of medical books and generally obliged to work in some lonely little log cabin, poorly heated and lighted only by a coal oil lamp, "Grandma" Lindstrom has never lost a single baby, and on none of her cases has she ever had the assistance of the doctor.

Her heart beat rather hard as she wondered what was going to happen. Had he known, she wondered, that this storm was going to be so bad? Had the whole thing been a trick? She had not brought any money with her; she was alone, stranded, and at Hannen's mercy in a strange foreign town. The Moorish waiter who brought her coffee and took it away again, softly and silently, with the whites of his eyes gleaming in his dark face, made her feel still more uneasy. She went out to the terrace and looked at the harbour, but it was too dark to see anything; one could only lights bobbing about out there, but she could not pick out the lights of the Corsair, and the wind was howling in a fashion which suggested that there was a raging sea down there in the black harbour.

At last Hannen came, after being away for over an hour. His face was a study.

"I'm afraid we're done!" he said. "It's not too rough, is it? I don't mind about it being rough," Joan said, hastily, though she rather dreaded facing the stormy sea out there in the Corsair's launch.

"It is rough," he said. "But that's not the point—can it be done? It would be no good. The Corsair has got out to sea?"

"Do you mean that—the Corsair?" "Yes, Ansett signalled the har- bour, with a flash signal, that the yacht was dragging her moorings and he was going to take her out to sea to prevent her being run ashore. Apparently she began to drag as soon as the wind got up, for the hand who brought the launch back had a message from Ansett to say that we'd better go out at once as he didn't think she would be able to lie there much longer. Unfortunately we had already gone in the car, and he had to take her out without us. I herewith apologize," Hannen ended drily, "and acknowledge that a boat does sometimes drag her anchor in a high wind; and that I ought to have remembered that, and not risked the car drive!"

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One Canary for Each Convict New Limit Set in U.S. Prison

Collective Security
Against Aggression
Sought By Nations

Woman Who Attended League's
Recent Sessions Tells of
European Situation

That the League of Nations is irrevocably committed to halt Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia was the opinion expressed in an interview with Boston Transcript by Miss Sarah Wambaugh, who has just returned from the League's Geneva sessions.

Technical adviser and deputy member of the Saar Plebiscite Commission and for many years an authority on various European questions, Miss Wambaugh said England's self-interest coincided closely with the present trend of League activities, but she scoffed at what she said is a frequent allegation that England controls the League for her own purposes.

"No one pretends that England controls Russia," Miss Wambaugh said. "But Russia is firmly supporting the League today. So are the Scandinavian countries, but it is self-interest for all of them rather than any leadership of England's that they are following."

"These countries all see their only hope lies in collective security against aggression. They know that any one of them might be some other nation's Ethiopia."

"The fact is that England is absolutely committed to the principle that any action must be League action," she said. As a consequence, she added, the present situation must develop either a war, a satisfactory agreement between Italy, Ethiopia and the League, or a complete yielding by Mussolini.

Miss Wambaugh said she saw a number of posters in Italy a few weeks ago which might be construed as threatening to England's African territories, one of which proclaimed: "To Whom is East Africa To Us?"

"I believe that the Italian program is the greatest threat to British power that has ever occurred in my lifetime," Miss Wambaugh said. "And I do not regard it as merely threatening Lake Tsana or her African lands but as threatening her whole prestige in the Mediterranean."

Miss Wambaugh said that Germany appeared to be eager to maintain friendly relations with England at this juncture, and that the German public has manifested considerable feeling against Mussolini ever since his interference with the Austrian-German affairs at the time of the assassination of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfus.

Names For New Warships
Observes the London Times—Among the names assigned to ships of the 1935 new construction program are Liverpool, Manchester, Gloucester, Cachalot, Sterlet, Bittern, Sheldrake, Kittiwake, Gleaner, Plover and Research. The three cruisers which receive the names of English cities will make up a total of eight in this new class. An innovation is made this year in order that Manchester may have a representative ship in the fleet.

Cachalot will continue a series of marine monsters like Grampus and Narwhal, submarine mine-layers. The name of Sterlet will be the twelfth, all beginning with 'S' and all names of fishes, which have been chosen for patrol type submarines since 1930. Bittern is a convoy sloop. Sheldrake, a name going back to 1806, and Kittiwake, new in the Navy, belong to coastal sloops. Gleaner is appropriate for a surveying ship.

Plover, bestowed on a coastal mine-layer, commemorates the capture of the Dutch ship Klevit (plover) by the Morning Star in 1653. A gunboat Plover was concerned in the Boxer operations of 1900, and there was a destroyer Plover in the 1st War. Research, borne by three earlier ships of the Navy since 1846, is a fitting designation for the new magnetic survey vessel.

Work Their Way
Around The World
An attempt to work their way around the world in ships is being made by two young Vancouver sisters.

They are Clara M. Wilson, a school teacher, and Katharine, a stenographer. They started out on the first lap of their journey aboard the British freighter Harmatris, on which they signed as members of the crew, early last month. The Harmatris will take them to Sydney, N.S.W.

From Sydney they hope to catch a boat for India or the west coast of Australia, work their way to South Africa and up the east coast of Africa and then go through Europe and England, returning by New York and Montreal.

The sisters said they had no special motive for undertaking the adventure, except for the desire to "see the world."

From the Chicago Daily News
BACK of prison walls the abundant life has never been a ruling theory, and achievement of the more abundant life through the destruction of wealth would seem to be too subtle an idea for the eminently pragmatic minds of criminals and their keepers.

Nevertheless, the principles of AA have taken firm root in Stateville down Joliet way. There Warden Joe Regan has decreed a reduction in the canary crop. It seems that many of the lads have been raising canaries for sale. What more fitting occupation? Who should know how to raise cage birds better than jail birds? And could a canary born to live in a cage find a more congenial birthplace than among caged men?

The warden, however, thinks that 2,000 canaries are too many for Stateville. He has limited canaries to a quota of one per prisoner. Obviously one canary cannot produce more canaries. So the revenue of the canary raisers who have been selling the birds for \$2 each is likely to be cut off.

Of course, Stateville's appreciation of music is likely to suffer, too. For the restriction edict is said to have been caused by a violent quarrel between two canary raisers over the respective singing abilities of their pets. The warden, it appears, will have no primadonna stuff in his "star"—even among the impresarios of the feathered songsters.

This is doubtful policy. Some observers, noting the popularity of philosophical works and belles lettres with long-term and life patrons of prison libraries, have voiced the hope that, during the present dark ages, philosophy and the fine arts would somehow be preserved in state-maintained monastic retreats like Stateville. But what chance has musical criticism under this new canary AAA?

THE OLD-STYLE
SPELLING BEE
(Owen Sound Sun-Times)

The Rotary Club of the town of Simcoe staged something new in Norfolk county when a picked lot of champion spellers from all parts of the county participated in a spelling match to determine the county champion, senior and junior. Something new in a way; but really a revival of a very old-fashioned form of entertainment.

Back in the olden days spelling matches, or spelling bees, were quite popular; but in recent years they have practically disappeared as a Friday afternoon feature in some of the public schools.

They were good fun and it was next to marvelous to look on and see difficult words after difficult words spelled correctly until one wondered when someone would slip. And there was always a long battle at the end, often ending in a draw, when the star spellers were left alone to uphold the honor of their side. Nowadays one wonders how long a spelling contest would last; for one of the penalties we seem to have paid for progress is loss of the knack—or gift—of correct spelling.

The average business man has not time to bother about the correct spelling of a word—he dictates it to a stenographer and leaves it to her to do the rest. And the stenographer, if she is wise—and most of them are—keeps a dictionary in her desk for use in cases of emergency. Spelling is rapidly becoming a lost art.

People nowadays are looking for new ideas in the way of amusement; the endless round of teas, bridge and dancing becomes monotonous; amateur plays demand practice; musical affairs, unless fairly high class, do not attract. Why does someone not try the old-fashioned spelling bee?

It would be a drawing card, for instance, to stage a match between City Council and the Board of Education or a picked team from the Board of Trade. The Service Clubs might fatten their exchequers by an inter-club tournament. Even a city spelling league might be organized. Perhaps a restriction might be put on that school teachers and public school pupils be barred or handicapped.

"We can well be grateful that more and more of our people understand and seek the greater good of the greater number," Franklin D. Roosevelt said.

"The public can stand a lot better motion pictures than it has received the opportunity to appreciate," H. G. Wells.

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Climbs Mountains To Please Husband

(From Edmonton Journal)

The holder of the women's mountain climbing record hates mountains and climbs them only to please her husband and children. This is not gossip. It is the frank statement of Mrs. Hettie Dyhrenfurth, who, in 1934, reached the summit of Queen Mary peak in the Himalayas, a giant of 24,500 feet and outdid the mark of 22,900 feet set by the late Mrs. Bullock-Workman in 1904.

She says she thinks records are silly. Sports should be for the fun of it, and, in her opinion, there is no fun in mountain climbing. She gives a graphic description of the blizzard that caught the party at 24,000 feet on her record-breaking climb and which resulted in ten Germans being frozen to death.

For nine days we stayed there, with avalanches roaring down the mountain, the snow so thick we couldn't see, no alcohol to cook on and the air so rare we could not make kindling burn and it took hours to bring water to a boil. We went around puffing for air. I tell you it was awful. The only reason I went on up and broke the women's record was because I couldn't get back without having some of the men take me back. So I went on. I could hardly breathe. When we got to the top we could not even see the view. I did all this for what?

To break a record? Nonsense! And when the photographer asked me to smile for a picture I boxed his ears. I was so mad.

Mrs. Dyhrenfurth explains, however, that if there is one thing great in her life there is one thing great in her husband's life. It is her love for her husband. The latter, born in the Alps and commencing a distinguished climbing career at the age of ten, entertains the belief that the great-

est sport in the world lies on the peaks that have never been scaled. So his wife goes on breaking records just because she knows it makes him happy.

Unquestionably, back of her protestations, there is more than the obedience of a dutiful wife. Apart from record breaking, Mrs. Dyhrenfurth has made distinct contributions to the world's knowledge, and there must be a real satisfaction in such work whether one cares for the subject or not. Her frankness, however, causes one to wonder how the memoirs of the majority of men and women who have done things would read were they recorded with such unsparring honesty.

How many public heroes would have failed the mark had they not feared a dressing-down at home more than they did the perils to which they set their faces? How many games have been won because of love for another person rather than love for the game itself?

King of England Still Crack Shot

London.—Despite his 70 years, King George still retains the keen eye and the steady hand that made him one of Britain's best shots, and certainly the best shot among the world's monarchs for years.

Next to yachting, shooting has always been the King's favorite pastime and he has a collection of guns almost comparable in value to his stamp collection.

Whenever His Majesty gets away from the affairs of state at Buckingham Palace and retires to his country estate at Sandringham, one of the first things he does, his health permitting, is to ride out to the fields in search of grouse and pheasants.

And it takes a fast man to reload the King's gun.

The Book Shelf

BY MAIR M. MORGAN

"A VISIT TO AMERICA" by A. G. Macdonell (Macmillan's, Toronto) is delightful reading—one of the best. I think of impressions gathered of that vast union of states, by a visiting British author. Mr. Macdonell has a deep sense of humor combined with a keen insight of human nature. One hilarious chapter deals with an afternoon's attendance at a football game. He covers a vast amount of territory—New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and back. San Francisco evidently captured him completely. His recounter of the mad dash by auto, travelling at the rate of ninety miles an hour from San Francisco to Los Angeles is a hair-raising episode. A perfect gift to any Anglo-Saxon.

JEAN VAL JEAN as told by Solomon Cleaver, (Clarke Irwin, Toronto) will delight the audiences all over Canada, who heard Dr. Cleaver tell this famous story.

This is the history of this little book: A young minister in Winnipeg some forty years ago decided, after two careful readings of Victor Hugo's Les Miserables, to tell the story in his own words in place of a scheduled lecture. It was received with such enthusiasm that before he had once committed it to paper, he had repeated it more than 800 times to over 100,000 people, and had been obliged to reject one invitation in every four which crowded upon him. From so many of those who have heard Dr. Cleaver have come requests for his story in permanent form that he has been prevailed upon to have it published. By good fortune an excellent screen version of Les Miserables was produced recently in France, and the publishers have been able through the kindness of the Compagnie France Film to include fourteen scenes from the photoplay.

A CANADIAN HEADMASTER by Watson Kirkconnell, (Clarke Irwin, Toronto) is a brief biography of the late Thomas Allison Kirkconnell by his son, Dr. Kirkconnell, taught in the schools of Ontario for fifty years, chiefly at Port Hope and Lindsay.

These are but bare facts concern-

ing an unusual character of rare understanding. All pupils and teachers throughout the country should read it.

TOY BALLOONS by Florence Steiner (The Ryerson Press, Toronto) brilliantly illustrated by Elsie Deane. Contains some verses for children that is quaint and delightful. Florence Steiner in this volume of verse shows a deep understanding of children's whims and whimsies. All her work is based on actual happenings in the bewildering life of children.

For instance take this one: Our rover seems just right to me There's nothing missing I can see But he doesn't show a pedigree.

The pup next door has one I know, For Bob, who owns him, told me so. I wish our Rover'd let one grow.

He has two ears and eyes deep blue, A cool, soft nose, and four paws too. And a little tail he'll wag for you.

Dad says he's finished perfectly He looks as nice as nice can be, But I wish he'd grow a pedigree.

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BRITISH WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT

Way Back In The Fourteenth Century Countess of Atholl Sat In Council.

Would there be more women M.P.'s or fewer of them in the new British Parliament than there were in the last one, asks Mary Gibson in the Glasgow Herald. That question has now been settled. Some people are surprised that more women have not been seizing the opportunity to become candidates for Parliamentary honours. It is possible that there have been no female franchise today we would have had the suggestion that women were being deliberately kept out of Parliament. Actually, however, it seems that women have always needed a good deal of persuasion to make them legislators.

There is an instance of this away back 600 years ago. Incidentally, it may surprise some readers that there were women in Parliament so long ago as that, since it was only in 1913 that Mr. Lloyd George and the Coalition Government made it possible for women to vote in Parliamentary elections and stand as candidates for Parliament.

FAMOUS ASSEMBLIES
Actually women sat in Parliament—or the equivalent of that Assembly—even earlier than the period just referred to. So far back as the year 694, indeed, ladies of the nobility and aristocracy sat in Council with the Saxon Witan; and in Wigtown's Great Council at Beconed there were abbesses sitting in deliberation along with the king, bishops, and nobles, and five of them signed the decrees drawn up at that assembly.

Reverting to women in Parliament 600 years ago, it is a fact that women did act as leaders at Westminster; and there is an unusually interesting coincidence between the reign of Edward III. and our own time in that connection. As everyone knows, the Duchess of Atholl was the first woman to be returned to Parliament for a Scottish constituency. One of the lady legislators of the reign of Edward III. was Catherine Countess of Atholl, who was the daughter of an English nobleman, married to the eleventh Earl of Atholl, and mother of the twelfth and last (Celtic) Earl of Atholl. That fourteenth-century lady of Atholl was probably the first Scottish woman M.P. of all time, as the present lady of Atholl is certainly the first Scottish woman M.P. under our modern franchise and Parliamentary systems.

But the difference between then and now is that Catherine Countess of Atholl did not seek to be elected to Parliament, but was forced to sit in that assembly. So were at the same time Mary Countess of Warwick, Anna Despenner, Alienor Countess of Ormonde, Philippa Countess of March, Johanna Fitzwater, Agneta Countess of Pembroke, Matilda Countess of Oxford, Mary de St. Paul, and Mary de Roost.

In those days the ladies were chosen to appear in Parliament, and there was no escape for them from their duties. If by any chance they could not find their places they were bound to take proxies to appear and vote for them. Women were summoned to Parliament also in the time of Henry III. and Edward I. These were generally abbesses, as in the period of the Saxon Witan.

AFTER A LONG DELAY
Considering all this, it is all the more strange that, in the following centuries, women should not only be banned from Parliament, but refused to vote, and that the long struggle for the female franchise which began in the middle of the last century and culminated in the Suffrage movement in the years before the Great War should have been possible in a country which had had women legislators a thousand years before.

In Scotland, indeed, our women were admitted as local burgesses equally with men many centuries ago but they did not seem ever to have been admitted to Parliamentary membership.

There's the story of the Scottish farmer who found that the mortality rate among his cows increased sharply when he began to employ milkmaids. The milkmaids dropped hairpins, and the cows, innocently enough, swallowed them.

So the dog, a leading English veterinarian pointed out in a recent lecture, is not the only animal which acquires illness through swallowing foreign bodies.

But dogs still lead the field. English dogs, it was brought out, have swallowed coins, stones, rubber balls and brooches. There is authentic record, moreover, of one swallowing

"Psychologists are still discovering things that everybody knows and calling them by names that nobody knows."—G. K. Chesterton

Guarding Our English

Saint John Telegraph-Journal
AMONG the richest treasures of our British citizenship is the English language of which we all are the heirs. There are literary riches and facilities here which we may fail to recognize because they have become commonplace. To pass this high judgment upon our own language is not to deny the excellencies of other languages. The French is polished and lively; the Italian is musical; the German is forceful and majestic; the Latin is dignified and majestic. But the English, combining Norman grace and Saxon strength, borrowing and digesting the best elements in the noblest tongues, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Arabic, Italian, is the most cosmopolitan and serviceable of languages and its literature embraces the greatest in the drama, the most charming in poetry, the best translation of the Bible, and the highest moral tone. A language so rich deserves to be well guarded.

A proper appraisal of the English language is much needed at the present time when the spoken word over the air is in some measure taking the place of the printed word. The printing press is to be given much credit for standardizing English of the first class. Those responsible for the printed word have made it a chief concern to conform their speech to the highest standards of usage, and no newspaper, magazine, author or writer with a name departs from these standards.

But today when the radio is breaking down all linguistic barriers England listening to France, Canada listening to Germany, Europe to America, we must be on our guard to preserve the priceless traditions of our English speech. A great responsibility rests upon those who broadcast the spoken word. Just as we are zealous for printed English vocabulary and construction, we must have like zeal for the spoken word which is broadcast upon the air.

The linguistic consequences of an atmosphere saturated with utterances from broadcasters in all parts of the Empire and of various degrees of culture, cannot be too seriously considered. English is the language of commerce and industry, of civil and religious freedom; of the highest civilization so far known. Let us guard it when it goes out upon the air.

WAR DANGER

(St. Catharines Standard)
Walter Duranty, for years the resident correspondent of the New York Times in Moscow, sends a copyright article to the Toronto Telegram in which the writer draws the conclusion that the only bright spot in the European picture for the aversion of war in 1937 is based on the hope and nothing but hope. The hiatus between the present and the war's outbreak is attributed to the fact that the German machine will not be ready until 1937.

The writer may well be regarded as an international authority, one of the most astute and judicious. These articles for years past have been anything but sensational. The introspection of Duranty cannot be discounted, because it is backed up by the feverish piling up of armaments of every nation in Europe and as Duranty states, there are only two exceptions in these nations, whose arming is attributed to the necessity of defence, and to the necessity of strength, either to maintain peace or to ward off invasion when and how war comes. Italy and Germany are the two exceptions, the inference being plain that both are building up for aggression.

The cable which is penned in Antwerp, a port which is leading the world in cargo cargoes of all kinds of munitions and war implements, also inward shipments, the ultimate destination of which is Germany. Belgium munitions companies are reaping a harvest, a strange thing when looking back on what Belgium suffered from the last war.

The writer had recently visited Warsaw, where he witnessed one of the usual "test air raids." All traffic ceased in the busy city, lights went out and at "zero hour" there arose the distant din of the sirens and then the humming overhead of scores of airplanes. In fear of what might be the people wended their way home in the darkness. And in many cities all over Europe, these "test air raids" are the usual run.

What a commentary on statesmanship, on civilization of the West, that nations are preparing for an inevitable war, with only a ray of hope that something unguessable, unfathomable, might happen to avert it by 1937.

For the security of the home, Canadians, indeed, might render thanks to Heaven for the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

Every time you crowd into the memory what you do not expect it to retain, you weaken its powers and you lose your authority to command its services. — Todd.



SCOUTING

Here · There
Everywhere

A brother to every other Scout, without regard to race or creed

According to the latest Scout census figures, just issued, Toronto is the Dominion's largest Scouting centre, with a total membership of 9,700 Scouts and leaders. This is a net increase during the year of 1,240. The figures show 4,369 Wolf Cubs, 4,403 Boy Scouts, 308 Rovers, 50 Sea Scouts, 10 Rover Sea Scouts and 634 leaders.

There are 141 Cub Packs, 149 Scout Troops. The sponsoring churches show: Anglican, 51; United Church, 34; Presbyterian, 20; Roman Catholic, 8; Baptist, 4; Jewish, 3. There are 24 community Scout Groups, 3 associated with Home and School Clubs, and 9 not classified.

The Silver Anniversary of the 2nd. Border Cities Troop, which has had a continuous existence since 1910, was marked by a largely attended Scouts' Own service at All Saints' Church on Sunday and an anniversary banquet on Monday evening. The banquet was attended by over 150 present and former members. The troop developed from the 1st. Windsor Troop organized in 1910 by Col. E. S. Wigle, who still is District Commissioner.

Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter was elected President of the New Brunswick Council of the Boy Scouts Association at the recent provincial annual meeting.

Canada Seeks More Honors

At Chicago Show — Wins Wheat Crown, Some Livestock Awards

CHICAGO — Canadian exhibitors, with the wheat crown and some of the major credit, awaited judges to resume their work in hope of further honors to carry home from the International Hay and Grain Show and the Livestock Exposition in progress here.

W. Freelan Wilford, who with his wife operates a 1,200-acre farm at Lavelle, Alta., carried off his second world wheat crown. In 1933 Wilford won the world title at the grain show and conference in Regina in international competition. Second award in the wheat sweepstakes went to William Rogers of Tapes, B.C.

Wilford's victory gave Canada its 21st win since 1911 and it was the ninth time the honor has gone to the foothills province. Saskatchewan has won the world wheat crown 11 times and Manitoba once.

The Prince of Wales, with an entry from his E. P. ranch near High River,

A towel and a bathroom plunger quickly secured from a bathroom were successfully used by a Charlottetown Scout for a tourniquet and glass severed an artery in his father's leg. Because of the depth of the cut and the rapid bleeding, the doctor credited the lad's promptness and efficiency with saving the father's life.

A tree-sheltered nook on Mount Newton, British Columbia, and an altar of moss-covered rocks, provided the impressive setting for the investiture of the Rover Leader and four new members of the North Quadra Rover Crew of Victoria.

An exhibition and concert held by the 125th. Toronto Scout Group at Deer Park United Church raised funds for the purchase of Christmas toys for the children of needy families. The exhibits included a knotting display, an amateur radio station, a toy repair shop, a camp exhibition and camp moving pictures.

The island of Grand Nanan, N.B., in the Bay of Fundy has three active Scout Groups and a Local Association composed of clergymen and other leading citizens of the island. The troops are located at North Head, White Head and Seal Cove.

Alta., carried off a major award in livestock. His "Baptist Orator," a shorthorn bull, won the blue ribbon. Canadian sheep won many awards, with Charles J. Shore of Glenworth, Ont., winning the blue ribbon for the best pen of lambs. Ontario breeders scored many wins in the sheep classes.

Honey For Cooking

In experimental work on the use of honey in cooking, conducted at the Central Experimental Farm, it has been found that cakes, cookies, etc., made with honey remain fresh and moist for a much longer period than when sugar is used. Where mild flavoured honeys were used to replace sugar, the flavour of the finished product was much improved. It must be remembered, however, that approximately one-fifth of the honey is water, therefore, the liquid portion of the recipe must be reduced by one-fifth. The sweetening power of honey is at least equal to that of an equal quantity of sugar.

"Aim at perfection is everything." — Chesterfield.

Creamery or Factory-Made Butter

(By "Just Cobbler" in Port Arthur News-Chronicle)

Quite an argument is under way in the Old Country on butter-making. It centres around the butter made in New Zealand and that made in Denmark and the Irish Free State. It is well known that Danish and Irish butters have long held their own in the Old Country markets, and that late comers like New Zealand, Australia and Canada have had to take second place. The reason for this is the system employed. Denmark and Ireland send their whole milk to the factory where it is separated and the butter made, whilst the other countries employ the separated method, that is the milk is separated from the cream on the farm, and the cream then sent on to the creamery. Both methods have their advantages and also their disadvantages. Where the whole milk is shipped the separate milk is returned to the farmer to feed pigs and poultry, and it is claimed that sometimes this milk is the source of disease germs that cause serious trouble on the farms, especially if it is not pasteurized. The patrons of course are paid on the butterfat contents as in the separator cream vendors. The advantage claimed is that it leaves the farmer more time to de-

vote to other sides of farming, and keeps up a steady flow of milk to the factory. On the other hand the opponents of the separator claim that cream has to be held over in many cases so long that super acidity is caused, and to overcome this the butter maker has to use neutralization. Anyone who has had anything to do with a creamery will admit this, but in a dairying country like New Zealand, they counter this attack by claiming as an advantage that it brings the distant farmer within range of the creamery; it avoids the spread of disease through mixing and redistribution to suppliers of separated milk at the creamery it avoids economic waste of carting whole milk and separated milk; it saves labour on the farm and at the factory—the milking and separating process can proceed simultaneously.

In Canada we are practically creamery farmers, and the New Zealanders claims can be regarded as ours. The Old Land is different. Large hauls from farm to centres of consumption make a different view point. Whilst on this matter I have before remarked on the liking as British farmers are evincing for protection, he is going in for all he can get. One of his latest moves is on the canning question. He says and possibly with some cause, that he can supply all the dried milk England can consume, up comes the British fruit farmer with a further claim that the supplies of tinned fruit imported from abroad be reduced as he can supply the quota. Then to make a patriotic move out of his demand they both claim that by this procedure it will employ more hands in the Welsh tin-plate industry.

This in turn will cause more work in the coal mines and tin mines. This will cause more employment in the machinery work-shops, cause more paper to be used, and a host of other industries to turn their wheels, and in fact only use the British farmers' surplus milk and fruit and the whole economic prosperity of Britain is assured. I think I heard some such talk about Canada and the home market a few short years ago and as a farmer I am still holding the bag.

Variations In Butter-fat Test

(From the Ontario Milk Producer)
It is pretty well known that the fat-milk drawn from a cow is low in butterfat, and the after-milk, high.

In some tests made at the Agricultural College, Guelph, the milk was drawn from the cows under test in one-pound lots. Several tests of different cows were made, but one set of figures will fairly well represent the general results. In this one test the first pound drawn tested 1.7% in butterfat and 8.22% in solids not fat; the sixth pound gave 2.9% in b.f. and 9.07 in s.n.f.; and the thirteenth and last, 6.2 in b.f. and 8.42 in s.n.f. The composite test was 3.7 b.f. and 8.7 s.n.f.

The butterfat increased regularly and considerably to the last pound drawn. The solids not fat increased slightly to about the middle of the milking, and declined toward the end. The practical conclusion is evident: cows should be stripped clean at every milking.

Variations Due to Condition of Cow
Cows freshening in high condition will supply usually, for a period of time, 20 to 30 days, test abnormally high.

A cow in the Guelph herd freshened on March 24th, and her R.O.P. test on April 2nd was 5.9%, while on June 3rd it was 2.7%. She was very fat at calving time and lost considerably in weight during the first two months.

Variations from Day to Day
The morning and the evening milk from four cows was tested and weighed separately for the whole lactation period, to determine what variations occurred within the whole period. The following table illustrates the wide range in tests on individual cows:

No. of cows	Test	H. Test	AV. Test
1	1.5%	5.5%	3.5%
2	1.5%	9.4%	3.5%
3	2.5%	6.3%	3.5%
4	1.7%	6.1%	3.4%

A Great Gentleman

(Irvin S. Cobb)
When I first knew him, he was plain John Buchan, writing the best Scotch novels since Robert Louis Stevenson.

Then in 1918, he was Col. John Buchan of the British wartime press bureau, shrewd, kindly, and deft, handling a bunch of rampaging American correspondents as gently as though they were so many new-fangled eggs and he, personally, had laid every last one of them.

When he became Sir John Buchan, a lot of us said: "Well, he earned his honors, but no title ever can swell that Scot's head."

Now, at Ottawa, the flags fly and the cannons roar for Baron Tweedsmuir, Governor General of our noble neighbor nation to the north, but if His Lordship doesn't mind, I'd like, personally, to go on thinking of him as my friend, John Buchan, a very great gentleman.

They'll like him up there, we're going to like him down here. And if any of you Canadians has any doubt as to his diversified talents, wait till you see him casting a trout-fly across a likely pool.

Blankets Need Just Sudsing

Twice As Much Soap As For Other Articles Is Used

Do you know that the rubbing of woolen fibres against each other is the main reason for blankets shrinking and the nap feeling? asks M. C. R. in the Christian Science Monitor. But you are asking how can we get the dirt from soiled blankets without washing machines agitation and action from the action the machine.

I'll explain. Don't wash blankets clean as you do other clothes, just suds them and wring them clean. Make a double-action suds, using twice as much soap as you use in washing, and use the water lukewarm. Have the wringer loosened, and after getting the blanket thoroughly wet in this heavy suds, wring it at once through the wringer. Keep sudsing and wringing until the blanket is completely cleaned. Three suds and three wrings will nearly always clean a blanket, but keep on until you have done six sudsings and six wrings.

If the blanket requires that much cleaning. Now put the blanket through a light suds, wring and then put it through two lukewarm rinses and the covering is ready for the line. In hanging to dry, be sure you hang the blanket so the colored stripes in the ends are vertical in order that no color runs into the main color, and pull the blankets into shape on the line and fluff and clean.

It suffices less washing to use protectors on the upper edge of the blankets to keep the body from touching the edges of the covering. Do not depend wholly on the overturned suds to do the entire protecting of the upper edge of your blankets and do not put yourself in the position of having to wash a whole blanket just to get the upper edge clean because of not using protectors.

HAVE YOU HEARD

Elsie, the new maid, seemed eminently satisfactory, but the mistress of the house thought a few words of advice would be just as well:

Mistress: Remember, that I expect you to be very reticent about what you hear when you are waiting on the table.

Elsie, (whose face lit up with innocent curiosity): Certainly, Ma'am. May I ask Ma'am, if there will be much to be reticent about?

All saving is not wise. Some spending is.

Prospective Employer: Have you a recommendation from your last place? Applicant: Yes, sir; seven months off for good behavior.

Everybody's doing it. "Opportunity never knocks," said hubby with a smile.

"Well if it doesn't," the wife replied, "it's surely out of style!"

It's foolish to waste time arguing with people who don't care.

Office boy: I sit six eggs for breakfast this morning. Bookkeeper: You mean ate, don't you?

Office boy: Well, maybe it was right if it.

Two Jewish business men were riding home from their stores, on the street car. Side by side they sat, both looking worried and both remaining silent. Finally one heaved a deep sigh. The other studied him for a moment and then said in an annoyed tone: "You're telling me?"

HOW GRANDPA PROPOSED

He always smiled and winked one eye

Anytime he happened by.

He joined the village choir and said: "He liked the way I baked my bread."

Sometimes he squeezed my hand a mite

A-dittin' in the candle-light.

He often helped me find a cow

That strayed off from the place somehow.

And once when I fell on the ice,

He picked me up and kissed me twice.

And that's how Grandpa paved the way

For me to set the wedding day.

—James A. Sanaker.

John: So your new job makes you independent?

Friend: Absolutely! I get to the office any time I want to before eight and leave just when I please after five.

The man with the highest sounding title often does the least work.

Doctor: Is the night nurse giving you proper attention?

Patient: Not exactly, but I'm perfectly satisfied.

A wis man think all he says; a fool says all he thinks.

A man wandered into a tennis tournament the other day and sat down on the bench:

Man: Whose game?

Sly young thing (sitting next to him, looking up hopefully): I am.

The church bell is far more important than the fire bell, but it doesn't make the people run nearly as fast.

Bill: Bring me another sandwich.

Waitress: Will there be anything else?

Bill: Yes, bring me a paper weight.

That last sandwich blew away.

Nothing is so nerve-racking, as talking pleasantly to a man who's leading up to a request for a loan.

Customer: I don't want to buy your crackers; they tell me the mice are always running over them.

Brushville grocer: That isn't so; why, the cat sleeps in the barrel every night.

A girl who marries a widower is bound to be disappointed, because she loses all the fun of taming him.

New York People Prefer Oranges

Tampa, Fla. — New Yorkers like oranges best, Chicagoans prefer grapefruit, and Detroiters are willing to pay the highest auction price for tangerines, says the Florida Citrus Exchange Market Report.

On the auction market in New York the average price of \$2.61 a box can be had for oranges. Chicago will not pay that high for oranges but for grapefruit they averaged \$2.10 a box. Detroit's average price on tangerines was \$2.56 a box, with Cleveland a close second, paying \$2.51.

School Shoes A Major Problem

Shoes for the school children again become a major problem in homes where several children must be kept in school on a modern basis. Other garments can be cut down and made over. Caps and stockings and mittens can all be made at home if necessary, but shoes must be purchased. They are an expense that cannot be side-stepped. We must make them last as long as possible.

Cheap shoes are never an economy. If it is possible at all it is wisest to pay a fair price in the beginning. Last year I had just two dollars and fifty cents when two of the children needed shoes. The pair that cost one dollar lasted one month. The pair for which I paid a dollar and fifty cents lasted three months. The extra fifty cents in quality gave as much wear as two dollars in the cheaper shoe.

Of course, a very expensive shoe is not necessary as they are so soon outgrown. Do not purchase shoes with the intention of passing them on to the next child as once a shoe is fitted to one child's foot it is almost sure to be uncomfortable for the child who gets it second-hand. In this case it may be better to get a more inexpensive shoe and when the time comes get new shoes for the second child, also more inexpensive.

Shoes can be made to last much longer by taking proper care of them. It is an improvement too in their appearance and an excellent habit for the children to acquire. If shoe polish is too expensive have them wipe the dust off and with a soft cloth go over the shoe with a little sweet cream and sugar. The cream keeps the leather soft. The heel must not be neglected as it is essential that the covering of the heels do not become too dry.

If shoes must be worn without rubbers on a wet day first cover the leather with tallow or neat's-foot oil. Rub it in well, and be sure all the stitching is covered. Never put wet shoes too near a fire to dry. We fill them with cats, corn, or wheat and place on a shelf where it is dry. If in a hurry first heat the grain in the oven. The grain keeps the shoe in shape and as it absorbs moisture hastens the drying. It swells, but as expansion takes place where there is least resistance, that is, the open top of the shoe, it does not stretch the leather. Crushed newspaper may be used to fill the shoe, instead of grain.

Children's school shoes should last that much longer if they can be removed upon reaching home for wear. I make slippers for home wear, sometimes a nice pair with crocheted or knitted top and felt soles and sometimes a quick but comfortable pair by sewing stocking legs to a pair of soles or felt or any warm material. I always use overall material for the outer sole as it does not catch dust or pick up slivers.

Shoes are better kept in a rack and if each child is furnished with a place for shoes the care of them will be attended with more interest. It is very simple to tack a strip of material to a convenient wall, making a compartment for each alone. If the material is a pretty color, the children enjoy it more and each child will want a color of its own. A stocking bag of the same material to hang near the rack solves still another problem in efficiency when the children are getting ready for school.

Dad Is Realizing His Responsibility

Chicago. — Dad is enrolling in home economics courses for adults. Enlightenment on this trend in masculine interest was obtained at the Central Regional Vocational Training Conference. Of 134,000 adults enrolled in pie making, sewing, child training and home management courses, Miss Florence Gallagher, home economics federal agent, estimated 6,500 were men.

To act this indicated men realized that as parents they had responsibilities toward their children other than bringing home the bacon.

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Poultry For Market

To a great extent the ultimate success of the poultry enterprise will depend greatly on the manner in which the products are marketed. The discriminating customer will be attracted by the well-fatted and well-dressed chicken or fowl, and will pay a premium in price for appearance as well as quality.

A success in fattening and marketing will depend to a great extent on the operator's knowledge and ability to prepare his product in the most economical form. Special feeding for ten days to three weeks will greatly improve the quality and pay for the extra feed and labor involved. Only birds with strong constitutions can stand heavy feeding with limited exercise. Birds that lack vigor seldom make profitable gains in the fattening pens.

A serviceable crate, six feet long by twenty-four inches wide, and eighteen inches high, may be made from slats nailed one inch apart, with a galvanized pan beneath the slatted floor for the droppings. Partitions two feet apart will provide compartments two feet square, and will accommodate four or five birds according to size.

To ensure freedom from lice, dust the birds with flour of sulphur and create a good appetite by starving for the first twenty-four hours. On the second day give only slight feed and gradually increase the amount until the third day; from then until finished give the birds all they will eat twice daily at regular intervals, about twelve hours apart. Mix to a batter, that will pour slowly from a pail, skim-milk or butter milk with two parts of cornmeal and one part of finely ground oats; or equal parts of barley meal and boiled mashed potatoes may be substituted for the corn meal. Feed in troughs suspended in front of the crates. A good finish should be obtained in ten to twenty-one days. Feed enough to thoroughly satisfy at each meal, but leave nothing over in the troughs to spoil the birds. Starve for at least twenty-four hours before killing. Feed by "sticking" in the roof of the mouth, and dry pack. Grade in uniform size and quality and pack in neat boxes.

Man's Country

Indian Women Have To Toss The Mark

"It is a man's country," said Miss Edna Down, speaking of India, where she is a missionary in Ceylon, to a large audience at the Women's Mission Circle meeting of the Yorkminster Baptist Church, Toronto.

"When the men folk in orthodox Hindu households tell the women, 'we don't want anything from the West,' it makes it nearly impossible to get the caste girls into the mission schools," she said. "Those who are permitted to go seldom reach high school, due to child marriage, since no one pays much attention to the Seda Act, prohibiting it, in Ceylon. The parents accept the fee which results from breaking the act, as part of the wedding fees, which are going to be very expensive, anyway," she said.

At Ramachandrapuram, Miss Down said, forty caste women were baptized and then allowed to return to their homes, "a tremendous step ahead for Christianity in India," she said.

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THE INDEPENDENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN GRIMSBY FIFTY YEARS AGO

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of Labor in Hamilton. Just where Rowe came in, history does not reveal, and I never knew. But Mr. Meagher was a talker and organizer as well as a newspaper man as they went in those days, and he worked up enough support to warrant the publication of a paper in Grimsby. Much of that support was obtained from the merchants of Hamilton. At that time women made preparations days, some times weeks ahead for a day in "the city" to spend their husbands' hard earned "eight or ten York shillings" (\$1.00 or \$1.25) a day. Many of the merchants came to know their country customers and to call them by name. Which fact, by the way, was not at all displeasing to those customers. Even at that date there was a good field in Grimsby and district, and there were some acute merchants in Hamilton—and "Mat" Meagher was sharp enough to see both ends.

But he started on a "shoe string." He had not the capital to buy a printing press and type, so he had the paper printed in the office of his former child, the Palladium, and the first "The Independent" appeared in August 1885.

Independent Established 1885

About Nov. 1, of that year, Jas. A. Livingston came from Creemore to Grimsby, to look over the farm of James A. Mastron with a view to buying. In his search for news Meagher encountered the said Livingston and during their conversation the proposition was made that the man from the north venture into the newspaper and printing business—and incidentally put some money in with which to buy a plant. He was invited to "word" the time and circumstances. One J. H. Vivian, in Toronto, who handled presses and type, was consulted and the result was the purchase of: 1 second-hand Washington hand press, 1 8x12 rebuilt Eclipse platen press, 2 type case racks, 40 or 50 "fonts" of medieval type.

And the first newspaper printed in Grimsby came from the press on the evening of Nov. 20, 1885, in the building where the present post office stands, owned at that time by the late H. E. Nelles who had the postoffice and Canadian Express office in the east half of the building. This building is now a double living house at the corner of Clarke and Robinson Sts. Incidentally it might be mentioned that when Meagher and Livingston formed their alliance the office contained 1 table (on which to write copy and receive subscriptions, and over which to gossip with the public), 1 box stove (a Little Giant which afterwards served a dual purpose); 2 chairs (plain, straight-back kitchen variety), 1 fair sized packing box (half filled with sawdust—"Mat" chewed tobacco).

Rowe had somewhere dropped out and the money put in by the new partner was invested mainly in the presses and type mentioned in the first list.

Just why Meagher sayeth not. But one week later—Nov. 27—"Jas. A. Livingston, Editor and Publisher," followed the usual superscription on the "editorial" page. He had bought the Meagher—and Meagher—interests.

To go back a couple of weeks, Mat Meagher had gone to the Hamilton Spectator and "hooked" a couple or three of their compositors—and he got good ones. Will H. Richardson, who died in New York City, in 1921;

E. H. (Teddy) Flynn, a little curly-headed "swift" (he was a fast compositor); and the genial "Tom" Costello. Teddy Flynn died in Hamilton many years ago, but I have lost track of Tom Costello. Printers in those days had a rule "itchy feet." They travelled and learned. Tom left the paper early and Teddy soon followed. During this time "Bob" King, Marilla King and Truema; York did a bustling business each week selling the sheet on the streets at three cents the copy.

A good story of Truema might be told. Printers use a mallet and planer to get the type level on the "face" by pounding the planer, as it was moved across the "form," with the mallet. One evening as Richardson had finished planing the form, Truema said, "I know what you do that for," and on being asked why, said it was "to find out where the mistakes are." There must have been and still must be some terrible "planers" to judge by the mistakes in most papers.

Along in the Christmas holidays W. H. (Billy) McConnell, took a notion that he would take an offered job as apprentice in the office, but he did not stay long as apprentice, though he still continued to help out on Thursday (and sometimes it was all night on Friday night) inking the forms while Will Richardson worked the press and they were both strenuous jobs. In a burst of speed as many as seven papers a minute have been turned out, but the average was about one hundred an hour. During this process J. H. (Jim) Clarke, (killed at Medicine Hat, Alberta, June 30, 1902) and yours, etc., folded the papers. This is where the Little Giant box stove served the dual purpose.

The ink at times was so heavy that to handle the papers was but to make a blur of the whole sheet so Jim and I sometimes subscribers waiting for their papers would hold them near the stove to force the sticky ink into the paper. Three men I can remember as having helped out this way were E. J. Palmer, Capt. W. W. Kidd and the Rev. R. R. Matland, but they were not the only ones. More than once in the summer of 1886 when the papers were off the press at three or four o'clock on Saturday morning (they should have been out Thursday night) Will, Billy, Jim and I have taken a cake of Judd soap (great stuff that old soap) from the office and gone to Lake Ontario to "scrub" the ink off. The night had probably been hot and the stove did not improve it any, so we were all practically naked after midnight, and Jim Clarke and I especially, were pretty well plastered with Jim Livingston's perfectly good news ink at about four cents a pound. (It cost about 25c now.)

During these few months the editor had been busy editing, the advertising-man working hard for business and the subscription man hustling for dollars—all combined in Jas. A. Livingston. The combination seemed congenial to the boss for along in the spring another compositor was put to work, a Miss Lindsay. A real red letter day in history was Aug. 25, 1886, when the writer started in as the printers' devil. And The Independent yet went ahead successfully. In 1887 the Smithville Advertiser was burned out and two girls who had learned to set type there, came to The Independent.

Up to this time, the spring of 1887, the whole business was done in one room, about sixteen feet square, but the aggressiveness of Mr. Livingston had put the business in a position that

more type, more room and better facilities were needed. That producer of much sweat, and the cause of much hurt language—the Washington hand press—was laid away, and a new County Campbell cylinder press installed. And while The Independent remained in this building the press was turned by hand, extra boys being hired each Thursday night to help.

In August 15, 1887, Lillie Secor (now Mrs. William Paterson, and again resident here), came to The Independent. More room being needed, the room above the office—and the same size—was secured and new racks, new type and the new compositor installed there. Shortly afterward Aggie Secor, now dead, joined the staff. Will Richardson received a tempting offer from Hamilton and one Joe Henderson came to take his place. He occupied as much space and drew about the same money—but his ways were not our ways. And Joe departed along with several other things among which were several books of mine and Lord knows what from the office. Will Richardson was induced to come back and the Livingston end of the business breathed easier and worked harder on the outside. And here it might be interesting to tell you that Jas. A. Livingston had learned to set type and feed the platen press—but it wasn't his line. He had other work to do and did it so that the result was more room needed, therefore a new office was built for The Independent (the building at present occupied by Jas. F. Bird and David Cloughley) and in the fall of 1888 the plant was moved and a special edition published to celebrate the fact.

The business end at the start is as interesting. The local advertisers were mighty few. They figured that so much trade would go out of town anyway and they would get only so much, that advertising was money wasted. They needed education, but they were poor scholars. Among the regular advertisers the local ones were R. A. Alexander, M.D., D. Black, a blacksmith; F. Hanel, dentist; E. A. Lancaster, harrister. McClure & Hart were a comparatively new concern having a general store in the old Redan (where the Bank of Hamilton and the grocery store now stand) and they came in frequently; C. H. Mills, with E. J. Palmer, was inclined to be progressive and an occasional ad was put in; William Pitch frequently ran locals, and once in a while William Forbes would unbend to the extent of a three-inch ad.

The files of The Independent were inadvertently destroyed several years ago, so this is practically all written from memory, except such dope as I can dig up in the usual newspaper way, so I can not tell many of the Hamilton and St. Catharines advertisers—and have no particular reason for naming any.

Among the first subscribers to The Independent (in the village) were Dr. Alexander, Hugh H. Anderson, Major M. F. Anderson, Thomas C. Brown, John D.L.S., D. Black, Charles Bates, Andrew J. Christie, W. F. Clarke, Charles Forbes, James Doran, William Downes, John F. Foster, Alfred Fraleigh, J. C. Farrell, the Rev. James Goodwin, John H. Groat, F. Hanel, Thomas Henderson, G. M. Hill, George Hughes, John Hand, John Johnson, Thomas Johnson, C. W. Kitchen, James S. Kemp, Dymoke Kerman, E. A. Lancaster, E. E. Looney, Richard Lippitt, Henry Milgate, the Rev. J. C. Murray, John B. Moore, S. E. Mabey, E. M. Mitchell, the Rev. P. R. Matland, James McDougall, W. H. McClure, H. E. Nelles, B. R. Nelles, E. J. Palmer, Daniel Poole, George Pearson, the Rev. Dr. T. Bolton Reade, Andrew B. Randall, George Russell, Thomas Rome, James Smith, N. J. Teeter, Eugene Udell, John VanDyke & Sons, Isaac B. Walker, Charles Woolverton. These were selected from memory from an alphabetical list of names of residents in Grimsby Village, in 1885, loaned by W. F. Randall, Town Clerk. There were many more in the township and surrounding country but I have no list available.

The job printing department was doing well too. It is amusing to see some of the old type work turned out those days, but we thought it great then. And every printer tried to get as many ornaments and so on into each job as possible. The first record of any work being done by The Independent (and it was printed in Hamilton) for the Village was the tax notices for 1885, the village council minutes for October showing that Mr. Meagher was paid \$11.50 for tax blanks. The next record shows that Jas. A. Livingston did in January, 1886, the election; and again at the May meeting Jas. A. Livingston was paid an account of \$4.25 for print. For some years previous to 1886 the village printing had been done by the St. Catharines News, but with a spirit of "support home industry" work was turned over to The Independent, and on Aug. 6, of that year, an account for \$16.50 was paid Jas. A. Livingston. This account was in threes, \$12.00 for printing voters' list, 30 each for ad-

vertising court of revision and the posting of the voters' list. And from that year the printing has been done in Grimsby. When the plant was moved to the new home further arrangements were made for advance. Both of the Secor girls had been married and Emily Fisher (Mrs. D. E. Swayze) started, and a short time later Annie Sturch, Mrs. William James, of Edam, Saskatchewan) came in. When the latter left to get married, Bertha Hewson (Mrs. White, of Ingersoll), started and then Violet Norton (Mrs. Gordon McBride), Maud Land (Mrs. D. J. Wright, of Preston), Iva Gilmore (Mrs. B. Moulton, of Tillsonburg), Alice Hewson (Mrs. Wm. Tobin, Hamilton), Jean MacMillan, (Mrs. M. Hill, Grimsby), Ona Clendenning, Eva Seaman, Edna McNinch, Viola Bird, Melissa Hills, Jessie Shelton and others all came in the order named either as increases to the staff or to take the place of one who had gone to get married, or as Miss Bird and Miss McNinch who went to Bellevue hospital, in New York, to train for nurses.

Shortly after moving to the new office business had become so pressing that Will Richardson was taken into the front office to look after outside business. Harry M. Obermeyer came to take his place. H. M. was, up to his death, 1921, for many years foreman of the Hamilton Daily Herald. W.E. Phillips came in to learn the trade, and after him Oswin Hummel, who is now again on the staff as job foreman, after several years absence. (This refers to the period concerning which he was writing at that time). In 1892 I took a notion to see the World's Fair at Chicago. In 1896 I came back as foreman and Phillips was in the front office. In April 1898 I got asked out—in other words fired, and have worked only a short time at odd times since, so I can not speak from my own knowledge of the business. In 1906 I happened to be with the paper for awhile and business had grown to such an extent at that time that there were five girls setting type for the papers, Oswin Hummel, Geo. Phillips and Harry Garr (the latter now a superintendent with Appleford Counter Check Book Co., of Hamilton, and George Phillips in the same establishment), were on ads, job work and press work, and a lot of new machinery was installed. When the first move had been made the press was run by a steam engine which had been replaced with a gas engine. In that year an electric motor was put in (it is still in service) while two new presses were also erected and connected up for power.

The front office also had increased along with the rest of the business, there being three besides Jas. A. Livingston himself, and the building put up less than twenty years before, to allow for almost any increase, the most optimistic had dreamed of, was becoming cramped. After the installation of the new motor and machinery in 1907, I went to New York and did not see the inside of The Independent office for twelve years. And the change was a wonder. A Michie press (the best flat bed press built) had replaced the Campbell. It had been erected and started to run on Dec. 2, 1908. By 1909 the office had become so cramped that it became necessary to get a Mergenthaler Linotype which was set up on May 28, 1909. For three months previous, J. Orin Livingston, Violet Norton and Jean MacMillan (two compositors) had been at the Mergenthaler factory school in Toronto, the first named to learn the intricacies of the machine and the two girls to learn operating. The typesetting machine and the Linotype better press relieved the cramped front office.

For a few years. But in less than half a decade business had outgrown room again, and Mr. Livingston purchased in December 1913, from the Hall-Fryd Foundry Co., the old Groat foundry building and started to remodel it.

In June, 1914, the plant was transferred to the present building, the business handling four publications—two weeklies, one bi-monthly and one monthly, the monthly sometimes running as high as ninety-six pages, and one of the weeklies running sixteen pages each week. The staff consisted of sixteen and 5,000 square ft. of space proved none too much. Then came the war. And The Independent business, like thousands of other newspapers and other businesses lost business heavily. The bi-weekly publication was withdrawn early in the war, and the monthly early in 1918. As the staff was reduced by one circumstance or another it was a blessing to the business as it would have been impossible to have carried them all.

When the Armistice was signed there were five on the staff. It took some spirit to carry on the last year and half of the war, but through various vicissitudes and against the machinations of some of narrow minds the Livingstons hung on.

When the new building was entered another Michie press, another double-decker Mergenthaler Linotype, a power stitchee, another Gordon platen press and much material was added.

and as above stated, the staff consisted of sixteen people. And every press and machine was running to capacity. Four years later, one cylinder press stood absolutely idle, and had no stood for months, some of the imposing stones had not had a form on them since no one knew when, and unused cases of type were accumulating dust. This condition maintained until after the New Year of 1919, when The Independent started to come back.

The two Livingstons sons, J. Orin and J. A. M. were admitted to partnership and the firm name became Jas. A. Livingston & Sons, with J. A. M. as business manager and J. Orin as editor. That was a little over two years ago. And a list of the present machinery and staff will tell in a few words what that "come back" was. It is just thirty-six years since the first paper was printed in Grimsby and you have been told the extent of the room and plant. I mention that to show the rise, the near fall during the war, and the rise again. Today there are fourteen people in the building; there are two Mienle cylinder presses; two Chandler and Price Gordon platen presses (any one of the four capable of a speed up to 2,500 per hour); 36-inch power paper cutter; power folder; power stitchee (for binding books); 24-inch perforating machine; Mercantile addressing machine, doing away with pasted labels; (the perforator installed last week, and the addressing machine not yet erected); two 3-h.p. electric motors; and a scrap paper bailing press—these all in the press room. Two Mergenthaler Linotypes (one a double magazine); Le Ciede saw and trimmer for cutting Linotype slabs to any desired measure to the 72nd part of an inch; 204 square feet of slabs (marble slabs for placing the type forms on)—exclusive of many square feet of zinc covered tables; over 500 different fonts of type; and thousands of pounds of good metal for the Linotype machines (all old metal is sent back to the metal "doctors" when from 500 to 1,000 pounds accumulates)—this is the composing room. In connection with the two Linotype machines and the saw-trimmer are three motors directly attached. A perfect wonder in a new No. 5 triple-deck Linotype is now on order. This machine has two magazines of the ordinary style and a third one that is called a split magazine. The lower half can be lifted off in a few seconds and another one with different type put in place. There are six of these auxiliary magazines with the machine, giving in all nine different sizes of type with eighteen different faces or styles of type. The sizes of the type range from one-twelfth of an inch to one-half inch, and they can be produced in any length up to five inches. In the business office there are three roll-top desks; two typewriters; and a telephone No. 36; in the editorial room are three more desks (one roll-top and two flat); two typewriters and another telephone No. 23. And I might add three large wastepaper baskets. But good news is welcomed to the desk and will be treated as news—published.

In January of 1922 the old original Linotype was scrapped and in its place was installed a new Model 14 machine, a triple deck affair with several interchangeable magazines. This machine was one of the most improved machines of the day and gave the production end of the plant a great impetus. Every year up until 1925 new machinery of various kinds was installed, thus keeping the plant up to a high standard for the production of all kinds of job and newspaper work.

In 1925 the late W. J. Taylor, publisher of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review conceived the idea of operating a string of small town weekly papers on the chain store plan and in October of that year purchased The Independent from the Livingston family and placed L. E. Tobey in charge. Mr. Tobey remained at the helm for about 18 months and was replaced by H. G. Morgan, who was manager and editor up till the time that the present editor and proprietor, Clive S. Bean, came to Grimsby from Waterloo in October, 1928, and purchased the paper from Mr. Taylor.

A few years after acquiring the Independent, the present publisher added a new Intertype which is a three-decker typesetting machine of the most modern type with fonts of ideal news, a clear and readable type face besides new job printing fonts of type, placing it in a position to still more expeditiously and efficiently serve its newspaper readers as well as those utilizing its facilities for job printing. The new Intertype replaced an old model linotype which had been in use for many years. The Independent therefore possesses one of the most modernly-equipped weekly newspapers and job printing plants in the province.

Wilfred (Dyke) Lawson, son of Reeve Lawson of North Grimsby, who has been identified with The Independent since the present proprietor took over the business, is the efficient head of the mechanical department.



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New Contracts Made With Power Companies Saving Is \$7,000,000

New contracts with the Gattineau and MacLaren Quebec companies were drawn up Thursday night. They were satisfactory to the commission, of which Attorney-General Arthur W. Roebuck is a member, and only an order-in-council is required to make them effective.

The other companies, Beauharnois and Ottawa Valley, have not yet presented contracts which the commission has approved and negotiations are continuing.

Chairman T. Stewart Lyon, commission chairman, said the agreements of Thursday night called for an estimated saving of \$7,000,000 per year to the province. The original contracts with the four companies amounted to \$9,285,000 and the price of the newly-contracted power is \$2,203,000.

The new contract with the Gattineau company calls for a minimum of 100,000 horsepower annually at a price of \$12.50. Originally, Gattineau was to supply 260,000 horsepower at \$15. The MacLaren-Quebec company will supply 40,000 horsepower at \$12.50, instead of 67,000 horsepower at \$15.

For its own protection, the Hydro commission made provision for a reserve from Gattineau at the rate of \$1.75 per horsepower.

Mr. Roebuck said objectionable features of the old contracts, such as payment in New York funds, liability for increased taxes in the province of Quebec and limitations by the Quebec government against exportations of power, have been eliminated.

Before leaving for the South, Mr. Hepburn signed an order-in-council providing for revision of the salary deductions of civil servants. The deductions of two per cent. on salaries of \$1,000 and under has been abolished and on salaries above that it has been cut in half.

The Ontario Government's action of negotiating new power contracts to replace the Quebec agreement will prove somewhat of a windfall for Hamilton. W. H. Childs, secretary of the Hydro-Electric Commission, revealed that the saving to this city would be \$300,000. A reduction of rates was possible he estimated. Mr. Childs said he understood the total savings to the Hydro municipalities would be \$3,000,000. If this were true, Hamilton was entitled to one-tenth.

"Weight is not so much what men say as what they prove;—truth is simple and naked and needs not lavender to apparel her comeliness."
—Sir P. Sidney.

"True zeal is merited and mild, can pity and forbear."
—John Newton

COUNTY COUNCIL KEEPS WITHIN ITS ESTIMATES

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departments, he said, was due to the chairmen of high calibre and to the officials.

The council will petition the Minister of Highways of Ontario to grant the Statutory allowance on an expenditure of \$81,623.60 on County and Suburban Road and Bridge maintenance and construction for the period Dec. 1st, 1934 to Nov. 30, 1935.

The following resolution was passed commending installation of fire alarm box. That whereas this Council while inspecting the Children's Shelter and other Public and County Institutions had the privilege of witnessing the operation of the new Fire Alarm Box recently installed and the response of the Firemen who arrived at the Shelter in 2½ minutes from the turning in of the Alarm and we desire to express our appreciation of their efficiency and the recent installation at the Shelter.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of St. Catharines and the Chief of the Fire Department.

The council passed the following resolution of thanks: That the members of this Council desire at this closing Session of the year 1935, to express their thanks to the Warden, Clerk and Treasurer, Stenographers, Messenger, Superintendent and Matron of the Industrial Home, County School Inspector, Agricultural representative, County Solicitor, County Engineer, and the Agent of the Children's Aid Society, for their unflinching kindness and courtesy to the members of this Council during the year and also the Press for reporting the proceedings of the Council.

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